

FOUR GENERATIONS FROM BONE GAP AND MCKENDREE

DESCENDANTS OF
WORTHY AND HANNAH (JAMES) THRALL 1809–2018

Including entwined families Britton, Flint, Gould, Jones, Morgan, Pifer, and Schofield

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Corrections (with sources) and comments are welcome. Although it's not possible to include everything, I am vividly aware of how little is known about many people in the 7th-10th generations and will be happy to learn more.

in memory of Rosalie (Thrall) Carmichael (1907–1999), genealogist and librarian,
who trod this path first and marked it well
when it was much steeper

Before we start

This book is a cross between a reference work and an old-fashioned story full of characters. All such hybrids are compromises. I have tried to make the stories of Worthy and Hannah and their descendants more interesting than a reference book and more accurate than a story. The chapters are organized chronologically, tracing their descendants “downstream” for three generations. This format gives equal importance to all the cousins, not placing the “direct ancestors” in a false solitude, and it places the families more clearly in the context of their times and their friends and relations.

This book also strives to meet genealogy standards—research thoroughly, cite accurately, analyze and correlate evidence, resolve conflicts when possible, and write clearly.¹ I have taken some liberties with the conventional layout.

Informal adoptions play a small but significant part here. Previous accounts of the family said little or nothing about adopted or fostered children. They and their descendants are included here, but the text cannot and does not obscure the facts of their lives. Both social and biological kinship are acknowledged. (Also, those who lived to grow up but did not marry get full treatment.)

Most of the people in this account lived in Illinois. Wherever a place is named with a county and no state, Illinois can be assumed.

The book is written so that the footnotes can be ignored. The footnotes are included because intelligent readers will ask, “How do we know that?” Lengthy quotes, usually from ancestors, are in a distinctive font.

This book could not exist without the cooperation of the deceased and their heirs. They preserved the evidence that allows us to glimpse their thoughts and deeds, flickering in the strobe light of history.

Acknowledgments are also due to fellow genealogy travelers and descendants Robin Henderson (2000 trip to Granville, Ohio) and Laura Henderson (2001 trip to Albion, Illinois).

¹ Board for Certification of Genealogists, *Genealogy Standards* (Nashville, Tenn.: Ancestry Imprint, Turner Publishing, 2014), 1–3. These five points are used to define genealogical proof; I’m stretching them to embrace genealogical narrative as well, which may contain clearly identified speculations or suspicions as well as proofs..

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FAMILY OVERVIEW

The children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren of Hannah James and Worthy Thrall were the eighth, ninth, and tenth generations from the Connecticut immigrant William Thrall. They did many things between 1833 and 2018:

- * farmed, sometimes with distinction;
- * attended and preached in mostly Methodist churches;
- * played, sang, and taught music;
- * taught law, literature, mathematics, mechanical engineering, art, and music;
- * practiced nursing, medicine, law, and traffic engineering;
- * adopted or fostered children;
- * held local offices;
- * advocated Prohibition;
- * taught black freedmen to read;
- * helped organize a special train from Alabama to the 1938 Rose Bowl; and
- * ran businesses including the Bone Gap general store; the Brown Valve and Manufacturing Company in Alhambra, California; and an international food corporation.

The family took part in several American migrations. Worthy's Thrall ancestors lived in Connecticut for five generations. As it became crowded, Worthy's grandfather Samuel in the 1700s moved north twice, to Massachusetts and southern Vermont; Worthy's father Eliphas moved north to Underhill, Vermont, and then southwest to Licking County, Ohio; and Worthy himself moved southwest twice into Wabash and Edwards counties, Illinois. Born in Vermont in 1809, he came to Ohio with his birth family in 1815, and went on to Illinois with a wife and baby in 1834. Many gravitated California and Florida in later years. Few of these were solo runs; in most cases, other family members had gone ahead.

Breaking with his New England ancestors in another way, Worthy married Hannah James, the daughter of Welsh Baptist immigrants, neighbors in Licking County, Ohio. Most of their grandchildren and spouses (Generation 9, chapters 6–21) died in Illinois. Most of their great-grandchildren and spouses (Generation 10, chapters 22–59) died in Illinois, California, Florida, and Missouri.

A few of their descendants (or spouses) spoke against war, and many participated:

* Solon Gould (Chapter 3) took up arms for the Union in the Civil War;

* in World War I Earl Amos Morgan (Chapter 26), Harry Hannah (Chapter 34), and Verla C. Crawley (Chapter 36) served; and

* in World War II Cecil Melvin Pifer (Chapter 45), Beulah Marshall (Chapter 47), Chester “Jackie” Pearson (Chapter 48), , Victor Thrall Jr. (Chapter 52), George Foster (Chapter 56), H. James Thrall (Chapter 57), William H. Cover (Chapter 58), and David L. Cover (Chapter 59) served.

As a group, the great-grandchildren's lives spanned more than a century and multiple states. Hannah never knew any of them: her first great-grandchild, Edgar Alsinius Morgan, was born four months after she died in 1875. The last great-grandchild, Harold James Thrall, was born in 1925—two months after Edgar’s death—and died in 2018. When Edgar was born there were 45 million Americans;² when Jim died there were 328 million.³

MIGRATION STORIES

Family members participated in many migrations within the United States, most east-to-west and most unrecorded. Two brief accounts written after the fact are known. The map [in separate file] shows the Thralls’ two-generation move from Chittenden County, Vermont, to Licking County, Ohio, and then to Edwards and Wabash counties in Illinois; and the Goulds’ from Upshur County, Virginia to Edwards and Wabash.⁴

A typewritten text attributed to Worthy’s first cousin Walter (1794–1885)⁵ of Rutland, Vermont, outlined the trip from Vermont to Ohio:

On June 15, 1815 in company with two cousins, I started for Granville, Ohio, as I had a large circle of relatives in that township. [Ten years earlier, in 1805, residents of Granville, Massachusetts, including some Thralls, had organized a group migration to what became Granville, Licking County, Ohio.⁶] My two cousins, Joel and Oliver Thrall [Worthy’s older brothers], and myself fitted out a two-horse wagon, in which we put our chests and the few articles which we thought the most necessary in a new country. We could travel upon an average about 25 miles per day . . . and about the 20th of July we got to Granville.⁷

² U.S. Bureau of the Census, “Annual Population Estimates for the United States: 1790 to 1970,” *Historical Statistics of the United States, Colonial Times to 1970*, Bicentennial Edition, part 1 (Washington, D.C.: Government Printing Office, 1970), 8.

³ United States Census Bureau, “U.S. and World Population Clock,” which read just under 329,000,000 on 10 Nov. 2018 (<https://www.census.gov/popclock>).

⁴ Map adapted from U.S. Census Bureau (https://www2.census.gov/geo/maps/general_ref/us_base/stco2003/stco2003.pdf).

⁵ “Thrall,” *Old Northwest Genealogical Quarterly* 9 (April 1906):179. Walter, later a probate judge and genealogist in Pickaway County, Ohio, was the son of Eliphas’s brother Jesse.

⁶ William T. Utter, *Granville: The Story of an Ohio Village* (Granville: Granville Historical Society and Denison University, 1956), 18–55.

⁷ “Some Notes Left by Mr. Walter Thrall,” typescript pasted into the back of *Genealogy of the Thrall Family: Also of the Rose Family to the Year 1862* (Poultney, Vt.: Randall Bros., 1890), Ohio Genealogical Society library, Bellville. Also, Henry Bushnell, *History of Granville, Licking County, Ohio* (Columbus: Press of Hann and Adair, 1889), 105.

Joel would have been 23 years old, Walter 21, and Oliver 18. Worthy, just a week short of six years old, may have envied their adventure.⁸ And there was more to the story than Walter told: Joel was jumping bail on a charge of forgery in Vermont.⁹

A 1960 obituary described Freeman and Dorcas Gould's family trip from Virginia to Illinois:

The parents of this pioneer Gould family migrated to Edwards county in the early 1830's with their sons Calvin, Charles and Solon [who later married Laura Thrall] from French Creek, West Virginia [then Virginia]. They floated on a raft on the Fox River into the Monongahela up to Pittsburg, then into the Ohio River to the mouth of the Wabash River where they turned north to locate in Edwards county southwest of Bone Gap. With them on the raft they brought their household goods and domesticated animals.¹⁰

Thomas S. Hinde—an experienced observer probably known to the Thralls as a writer, Methodist preacher, a former Ohioan, and a founder of Mt. Carmel, Wabash County—recommended that families move in two stages. The “less incumbered,” he wrote, should travel early in the year, descending the Ohio River with the spring flood. The rest (presumably including women and children) should travel by land in the fall when the waters were low, “bringing only their beds and bedding, and clothing, and such necessary articles as may be immediately wanted, and can be transported with little expense.”¹¹ Actual migrants varied: the Holton family of Vermont traveled together to western Illinois in the fall of 1835, a fourteen-week overland trek by wagon.¹²

HOME TOWN, HOME COLLEGE

McKendree College (now McKendree University) long remained a family gathering point. At least 31 of Worthy and Hannah's descendants and spouses studied there. In 1928 the college's centennial commencement drew many family members of the ninth and tenth generations (Chapter 5);¹³ a contingent of the tenth, eleventh, and twelfth generations attended the installation of a new McKendree president 29 April 1995.¹⁴

In 1870 Worthy's future daughter-in-law Edith Marie (Flint) Thrall became the first woman to receive a degree from McKendree who attended classes there. (The year before, Mary Julia Jewett received a degree based on examination.)¹⁵ Some overly exuberant family stories had Edith the first

⁸ Walter's birth 2 May 1794: “Thrall,” *ONGQ* [note 9]. Oliver's birth 29 July 1796: Ridge Cemetery, Lick Prairie Precinct, Wabash Co., Ill., readings at Interment.net. Joel's approximate birth summer 1792: Harold Henderson, “‘Faultless Could I Love Him Less’: Joel S. Thrall and His Descendants in Vermont, Quebec, Ohio, and Texas,” Part 2, *New England Historical and Genealogical Register* 172 (Fall 2018):341–53, specifically 346.

⁹ Harold Henderson, “‘Faultless Could I Love Him Less’: Joel S. Thrall and His Descendants in Vermont, Quebec, Ohio, and Texas,” *New England Historical and Genealogical Register* 172 (Summer 2018):248–256 (Part 1), specifically 249–51.

¹⁰ “Edith Evelyn Gould Graveside Services Held Sunday,” clipping from unnamed newspaper dated “11-16-60,” in author's possession. This is obviously a well-told family tale, likely placed in print for remembrance, as Edith (Solon and Laura's daughter) was the last of her siblings.

¹¹ Thomas S. Hinde, “Circular,” *Mount Carmel Sentinel* (Ill.), Wed. 19 Nov. 1834, p. 2, col. 5; microfilm, “Miscellaneous Illinois Newspapers” M-22B, Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library, Springfield.

¹² Joan A. Hunter, “An Overland Journey from Vermont to Illinois as Recollected by Mary Holton (1793–1874) with a Genealogical Summary,” *Vermont Genealogy* 10 (Oct. 2005):183–90. Later installments: vols. 12 (July and Oct. 2007) and 13 (Apr., July, and Oct. 2008).

¹³ “Many Attend Commencement at Lebanon,” *Belleville Daily News-Democrat* (Ill.) Thur. 21 June 1928, p. 7, col. 4.

¹⁴ Program, McKendree College, “The Inauguration of James M. Dennis, The Thirty-Second President of McKendree College,” 29 Apr. 1995; in author's possession, tub 8, folder 232.

¹⁵ *Centennial McKendree College with St. Clair County History* (Lebanon, Ill.: McKendree College, 1928), 234–36.

woman college graduate west of the Appalachians, which would come as a surprise to Oberlin College, which admitted women in 1837.

Worthy and Hannah's children grew up in or near the rural Edwards County village of Bone Gap, enmeshed in a network of family and friends. When the Peoria, Decatur, and Evansville Railroad came through prior to 1883,¹⁶ the village moved itself half a mile west in order to have a station. (Grandson Wilbur Morgan [Chapter 8] had a part in this and built a new store.)¹⁷ As of 1891 the line ran mostly north-south through Olney, Calhoun, Parkersburg, West Salem, Bone Gap, Browns, and Grayville before crossing the Wabash River into Indiana.¹⁸ [large and close-up maps separately filed] In the late 1800s or early 1900s it was possible to claim that anything could be bought in Bone Gap that could be bought anywhere. Nevertheless few grandchildren and no great-grandchildren stayed.

Worthy himself was not a Methodist minister, but a "class leader." Class leaders were a key part of the Methodists' methodical organization, especially in the early days when ministers were scarce. Eleven of his and Hannah's descendants over three generations became what one might call professional Methodists:

- * one of Worthy and Hannah's children (Leonidas Worthy Thrall) and the spouse of another (Charles Wesley Campbell);

- * five of their grandchildren (Virgil Nathan Gould, Victor Worthy Thrall, Charles Haven Thrall, and Harold Leonidas Thrall) and the spouse of a sixth (Joseph Walter Britton);

- * one more grandchild (Edith Laura Thrall), a deaconess who could have been a minister and a good one, had the times allowed; and

- * one great-grandchild (Charles Mooers) and one spouse of an adopted great-grandchild (Hugh McNelly).

In 1908 Methodists, then the largest U.S. Protestant denomination,¹⁹ stood in favor of:

- * "the protection of the worker from dangerous machinery, occupational disease, injuries, and mortality,"

- * "a living wage in every industry," and

- * "the highest wage that each industry can afford and . . . the most equitable division of the products of industry that can ultimately be devised."²⁰

¹⁶ *Combined History of Lawrence, Edwards, and Wabash Counties, Illinois, 1682–1883* (Philadelphia: J. L. McDonough & Co., 1883), 164.

¹⁷ "Communities . . . Bone Gap Precinct," *A History of Edwards County, Illinois* (Albion: Edwards County Historical Society, 1980) 1:9.

¹⁸ Illinois Railroad and Warehouse Commissioners, "Railroad Map of Illinois, 1891"; *Illinois Digital Archives* > Railroad Maps of Illinois (idallinois.org/cdm/singleitem/collection/p16614coll7/id/10). "Materials in this collection are made available by the Illinois State Library. To request reproductions or inquire about permissions, contact: islimg@ilsos.net. Please cite the item title [Railroad Map of Illinois, 1891 prepared under the direction of, and presented by, John R. Wheeler, Isaac N. Phillips, and W.L. Crim, Railroad and Warehouse Commissioners] and collection name [Railroad Maps of Illinois]."

¹⁹ Bureau of the Census, *Religious Bodies 1906* (Washington, D.C.: Government Printing Office, 1910), Bulletin 103, 2nd ed., 17–21.

²⁰ Harry F. Ward, ed., *A Year Book of the Church and Social Service in the United States* (New York: Missionary Education Movement, 1916), 197–98.

More than forty descendants and spouses were full- or part-time teachers. They included collegiate youngsters like Carrie (Thrall) Campbell, facing a few dozen rural school pupils for a few weeks at a time; small-town high-school teachers like Emery H. Martin who climbed the traditional ladder from coach to principal; and college and university professors. Music, instrumental and vocal, was a common thread among the descendants.

Three of Worthy and Hannah's great-grandchildren and the spouse of a fourth achieved the distinction of being listed in *Who's Who*: William Everett Britton (Chapter 31), Timothy Irle McKnight (Chapter 33), Ethel Lucretia (Britton) Hartman (Chapter 37), and Robert McDowell Thrall (Chapter 54).²¹ It is arguable that grandchild William Flint Thrall (Chapter 18), co-author of the classic *Handbook to Literature*, did not miss the cut by much.²²

²¹ William Everett Britton entry, *Who Was Who in America* (Wilmette, Ill.: Marquis Who's Who, 1989), vol. 9 (1985–1989), 48. Also, Timothy Irle McKnight entry, 243. Also, Ethel Lucretia Britton Hartman entry, *Who's Who of American Women 1977–1978* (Chicago: Marquis Who's Who, 1977), 374–75. Also, Robert McDowell Thrall entry, *Who Was Who in America 2006–2007* (New Providence, N.J.: Marquis Who's Who, 2007), vol. 18, p. 241.

²² “William Flint Thrall,” in Winfield Scott Downs, ed., *Encyclopedia of American Biography*, new series, 16:63–65 (N.Y. City: The American Historical Company, 1943).

SEVENTH GENERATION (1809–1875, presidents Madison to Grant)

CHAPTER 1. WORTHY THRALL–HANNAH JAMES FAMILY

“and now Lizzy the worst of it, we have no dinner and in debt 13 dollars”

1. WORTHY⁷ THRALL (Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹)²³

Birth: 22 June 1809 in Underhill, Chittenden County, Vermont

Death: 3 January 1852 in Bone Gap, Edwards County, Illinois

Burial: Bone Gap Cemetery²⁴

Spouse: HANNAH JAMES, married 15 November 1832,²⁵ likely in Granville, Licking County

Spouse’s parents: Simon and Elizabeth [(–?–)] James of Wales²⁶

Spouse’s birth: 11 April 1809 in Licking County, Ohio

Spouse’s death: 27 March 1875 in Illinois while on a visit

Spouse’s burial: Bone Gap Cemetery²⁷

Worthy was the youngest child of Eliphas and Mary (Mead). He was six years old in 1815, when he and most of his family left Underhill, Vermont, for Granville, Ohio.²⁸ There he received repeated reminders of mortality when three grown siblings died young: he was thirteen when Orilla (Thrall) Brown died back in Vermont,²⁹ seventeen when Caroline H. (Thrall) Cooper died in Wabash

²³ For Eliphas⁶ son of Samuel⁵: *Massachusetts Vital Records, Granville, 1732–1902*, microfiche #2 (Oxford: Holbrook Research Institute, 1988), orig. p. 114. For Samuel⁵ son of John⁴: John of Windsor’s 29 Aug. 1748 will naming wife Mary and son Samuel (*A Digest of the Early Connecticut Probate Records, Hartford District, 1729–1750*, vol. 3); and Samuel’s 11 July 1737 birth to John and Mary (*Connecticut Vital Records to 1870 [The Barbour Collection]*), Windsor, 277 (americanancestors.com). For John⁴ son of John³: John of Windsor’s 1732 will naming wife Mindwell and son John (*Early Connecticut Probate 1729–1750*), and Henry R. Stiles, *The History and Genealogies of Ancient Windsor 1635–1891* (1892–93; reprinted 1992), 2:761–62. For John³ husband of Mindwell and son of Timothy² and for Timothy² son of William¹: Mary Walton Ferris, “Thrall Family,” *Daves-Gates Ancestral Lines*, vol. 2, *Gates and Allied Families* (privately printed, 1931), 792–97. The immigrant William¹ Thrall’s English origins, migration, and first place of settlement are unknown; only a few negative assertions about him prior to his 1637 land grant can be made with confidence.

²⁴ Photograph of Rosalie (Thrall) Carmichael c. 1974 between the standing and legible gravestones of Worthy and Hannah Thrall; in author’s possession. For place of birth, Morthy [Worthy] Thrall household, 1850 U.S. census, Edwards Co., Ill., p. 256 (stamped, verso), dw. 84, fam. 85. Also, Worthy Thrall burial #281, Duane Smith, comp., “Old Part of [Bone Gap] Cemetery,” handwritten list of 380 numbered burials with names, birth dates, and death dates; photocopy in author’s possession. Worthy’s dates are erroneously given as 12 June 1809 and 2 Jan. 1852.

²⁵ Rosalie (Thrall) Carmichael, “Thrall Genealogy” (17-page typescript on onion skin in red binder, by Rosalie although no author is named), 3; in author’s possession, tub 2, item 34. This booklet was the hard-won product of diligent old-school genealogy: visits with relatives, letters requesting information, and reproduction of copies by manual typewriter using onion-skin paper and carbon paper.

²⁶ Hannah’s parents and siblings are documented in Harold Henderson, “Licking County Pioneers Simon and Elizabeth James and Their Children,” *Ohio Genealogical Society Quarterly* 57(4), 2017: 353–63.

²⁷ For dates, Hannah’s grave marker as viewed during author’s visit 24–25 May 2001. Inscription: “Thanks be to God who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.” For birthplace, Morthy [Worthy] Thrall household for Hannah, 1850 U.S. census, Edwards Co., Ill., p. 256 (stamped, verso), dw. 84, fam. 85. For Hannah wife of Worthy, Duane Smith, comp., “Old Part of [Bone Gap] Cemetery,” handwritten list of 380 numbered burials with names, birth dates, and death dates; photocopy in author’s possession. TK brief obit re on a trip

²⁸ For a concise summary of the reasons many Vermonters went west, Charles T. Morrissey, *Vermont: A Bicentennial History* (New York: W.W. Norton, 1981), 109–110. For a Thrall-specific reason to do so (brother Joel’s bail-jumping on a forgery charge in June 1815): Harold Henderson, “Faultless Could I Love Him Less?: Joel S. Thrall and His Descendants in Vermont, Quebec, Ohio, and Texas,” Part 1, *New England Historical and Genealogical Register* 172 (Summer 2018):248–256, specifically 249–50.

²⁹ Joyce Anne White, *Descendants of Joseph and Hannah (Johnson) Brown of Jericho, Vermont* (Richmond, Vt.: privately printed, 2006), 12–13, an admirably thorough account.

County, Illinois;³⁰ and eighteen when oldest brother Joel died in nearby Franklin County, Ohio.³¹ Caroline was the sister closest to Worthy in age, so most likely to have been a stand-in mother in the family of ten children when they were young. Worthy and Hannah gave the name to their youngest daughter.

Gone to Illinois

In 1831 the Granville Methodist Church's Sunday School "steward's book" (recording attendance and offerings to the church) listed Elizabeth James and Hannah James on the same page as Eliphas and Worthy Thrall. In 1832 the same names appeared, except that Hannah's last name was scratched out and "Thrall" written over it in a different hand. In 1833, Hannah and Worthy were listed side by side like other married couples.³² In 1834 they were gone for good after Worthy paid 31.2 cents tax on one horse (valued at \$40) and one head of cattle (\$8).³³

They traveled with baby Elizabeth "in the old prairie schooner in the year 1834,"³⁴ headed for Wabash County in southeastern Illinois. The 350-mile trip made them a link in a chain migration, following tracks laid down by sister Caroline and brothers Oliver, Lyman, and Aaron. Chances are they avoided wet weather and traveled late in the year.

Land and farming

On 13 January 1837, Worthy paid the U.S. government \$100 for 80 acres immediately adjacent to his brothers in Wabash County.³⁵ Over the next few years he purchased a total of 260 acres there, and then sold the parcels to Guy Lockwood and John White [Whyde?] in 1842–43.³⁶ Wabash County records were decimated by an 1857 courthouse fire and an 1877 courthouse tornado, leaving an incomplete record of the brothers' local land transactions.³⁷

³⁰ Caroline H. Cooper grave marker d. 24 Aug. 1826, Sand Hill Cemetery, Mt. Carmel, Wabash Co., Ill., image, memorial #72,661,409 for Caroline H. Thrall Cooper by Robert (findagrave.com). Also, author's visit 14 Oct. 2011. Worthy might well have known the inscription: "My flesh shall slumber in the ground/Till the last joyfull trump shall sound/Then burst the bands with sweet surprise/And in my Saviour's image rise." The full hymn of which this is the sixth stanza draws on Psalm 17, under the heading, "The Sinner's Portion and Saint's Hope." See Paul Henkel, ed., *Church Hymn Book: consisting of newly composed hymns with the addition of hymns and psalms, from other authors, carefully adapted for the use of public worship, and many other occasions*, 1st ed. (New Market, Va.: Solomon Henkel, 1816), 352–53 (hymnary.org). Caroline's epitaph substituted "bands" for "chains;" another hymn version, perhaps of Calvinistic bent, had "awfull" for "joyfull."

³¹ Harold Henderson, "'Faultless Could I Love Him Less?': Joel S. Thrall and His Descendants in Vermont, Quebec, Ohio, and Texas," *New England Historical and Genealogical Register* 172 (Summer 2018):248–256 (Part 1) and (Fall 2018):341–52 (Part 2), specifically 346.

³² Thrall and James entries in Sunday School steward's record of contributions, beginning in 1831, Granville Centenary Methodist Church, Granville, Licking Co., Oh., viewed by author Thur. 12 Apr. 2001, courtesy of Ken and Sandra Nihiser.

³³ Worthy Thrall entry, "Tax Record Licking County 1834 Auditor of State," Granville Twp., p. 246; absent 1835, pp. 147–48; "Tax Records, 1834–1835," images 268 and 596–97 of 776, FHL 545,115, DGS 4,849,368 (familysearch.org).

³⁴ Letter from Caroline (Thrall) Campbell, transcribed by her grand-niece genealogist Rosalie (Thrall) Carmichael in "Thrall Genealogy" (17-page typescript on onion skin in red binder, by Rosalie Thrall Carmichael although no author is named), 3; in author's possession, tub 2, item 34. Pagination could differ in other versions; there were many updates over the years and no definitive publication.

³⁵ The patent arrived 28 July 1838: Bureau of Land Management, "Land Patent Search," database, *General Land Office Records* [GLO] (glorerecords.blm.gov/PatentSearch), Wabash Co. entry #4644 for Worthy Thrall. For original purchase date and amount, "Illinois Public Domain Land Sales Database" 110:85, Illinois State Archives (cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/archives/databases/data_lan.html).

³⁶ Worthy and Hannah Thrall to Guy Lockwood (180 acres), Wabash (?) County Deeds B:256, 10 Aug. 1842, rec. 11 Oct 1858. Also, Worthy and Hannah Thrall to John White (80 acres), Wabash (?) County Deeds E:608, 27 Jan. 1843, rec. 8 May 1843. TK Mt. Carmel

³⁷ Illinois State Archives, "Documented Records Losses," *Wabash County Fact Sheet* (cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/archives/irad/wabash.html) mentions the fire but not the tornado. Also, Wabash Co., Ill., Commissioners Court Proceedings 1825–1832, pp. 1, 102; Eastern Illinois University Regional Archives Depository, Charleston. For the tornado, Sgt. Henry Calver, Paper 41 [report on Mount Carmel tornado of 4 June 1877], 517–27 (courthouse 521), in *Report of the Secretary of War*, vol. 4, Signal Office (Washington DC: Government Printing Office, 1877); 45th Congress, Second Session, House of Representatives Executive Document 1, Part 2.

In the early 1840s³⁸ the family moved about four miles west into Bone Gap Precinct in Edwards County—first patenting 80 acres there, dividing and selling it,³⁹ then buying another 80 acres (the W ½ of the NW ¼ of Section 17, T1S R14W) which remained in the family.⁴⁰ In 1872 Hannah and her four surviving children (Mary, Laura, Carrie, and Leonidas) and son-in-law Solon Gould sold 36 acres off the south end to Jacob Harms for \$875.⁴¹

In 1850 Worthy's farm of 80 acres was valued at \$500.⁴² That year it ranked average or a little below compared to the forty neighbors on his page of the agriculture schedule, with his 40 "improved" acres, \$500 cash value of farm, \$150 value of livestock, and 600 bushels of "Indian corn" harvested in the past year. However, his investment of \$100 in machinery placed him above the neighborhood average.⁴³ In 1850, Edwards County farmland and buildings averaged \$5 per acre in value, so Worthy's holding was above average at \$6.25 per acre.⁴⁴

Methodist class leader

Like many of his siblings, Worthy was an ardent Methodist. The first Methodist society in Bone Gap was organized in the summer of 1835 by Rev. Richard Haney of Mt. Vernon, with Worthy as class leader. They met in the home of John Brown and were known as the "John Brown Class": John Brown, Lydia Brown, Worthy Thrall, Hannah Thrall, John Hocking, Susanna Hocking, James Hocking, Lucinda Hocking, and Pertam[i]a Rude.

"Circuit preaching was on week-days at intervals of four weeks. At this time much depended upon the Class Leader[,] Local Preachers[,] and Exhorters who held services every Sunday. . . . For eight or ten years [the class] met at private houses, and then it began to meet regularly at the Stanley School House and had preaching every two weeks on Wednesday."⁴⁵ In 1848 it merged with the "Mills Prairie Class," led by Ansel Gould Sr. and Luther Morgan (families later related to Worthy by marriage). Under the ministry of John Thatcher and his assistant Thomas Parker a church building

³⁸ Reportedly "since the age of nine years her home has been in Edwards county," implying that the family moved in 1841 or 1842. Rev. G. A. Seed, "Obituary" for Mary Elizabeth Thrall Morgan, *Albion Journal-Register* (Ill.), Thur. 15 Jan. 1903, p. 3, col. 3.

³⁹ Edwards Co. entry #9863 for Worthy Thrall (40 acres, NE ¼ SE ¼ Sec. 9 Twp. 1S Range 14W), patent dated 1 Aug. 1844; Bureau of Land Management, "Land Patent Search," database, *General Land Office Records* [GLO] (glorcords.blm.gov/PatentSearch). Also, Worthy Thrall to Charles J. Root 6 Feb. 1845, rec. 24 Sep. 1846 (20 acres), F:68, Edwards Co. Ill. Grantee Index 1; image 166 of 726, FHL 1,401,783, DGS 8,117,694. Similarly to David Benson 25 Sep. 1845, rec. 9 Dec. 1845 (20 acres), E:511; image TK of 726. Original deeds not viewed. TK Albion

⁴⁰ David S. Rude to Worthy Thrall 10 June 1847, rec. 24 June, F:199, Edwards Co. Ill., FHL 1,401,782 item 3, DGS 7,625,301.; image 402 of 726, FHL 1,401,783, DGS 8,117,694.

⁴¹ Hannah Thrall, Mary E. Morgan, Solon H. Gould, Laura L. Gould, Hannah C. Thrall, and Leonidas W. Thrall to Jacob Harms for \$875 (part SW ¼ NW ¼ Sec. 17, T1S, R14W), Edwards Co. Ill. Deed W:626, 28 Sep. 1872, rec. 6 Jan. 1881. The disposition of the northern 44 acres has not been determined. TK

⁴² Worthy [Worthy] Thrall household, 1850 U.S. census, Edwards Co., Ill., p. 256 (stamped, verso), dw. 84, fam. 85. The \$500 figure for "real estate" is identical to the "cash value of farm" given in the agriculture schedule (following note).

⁴³ Worthy Thrall entry, 1850 U.S. census, agriculture schedule, Edwards Co., Ill., pp. 885–86, line 24 (ancestry.com). This schedule included much additional information about the farm and its products.

⁴⁴ Charles H. Barnard and John Jones, *Farm Real Estate Values in the United States by Counties, 1850–1982*, Statistical Bulletin #751, Economic Research Service, U.S. Dept. of Agriculture (Washington, D.C.: U.S. Government Printing Office, 1987), Table 1, p. 3 for states, and Table 2, pp. 24–29 for Illinois counties (hathitrust.org). Unfortunately these numbers do not distinguish between improved and unimproved land, as the 1850 agriculture schedule did, so I have conservatively assumed that the acreage discussed includes both (thus Worthy's 80 total acres valued at \$500 = \$6.25 per acre). If only improved land were considered, his average would exceed both the Illinois and U.S. figures. Illinois farmland value statewide averaged \$8 per acre; the U.S. national average was \$11. Land values per acre in Illinois counties in 1850 ranged from a low of \$3 in Franklin, Saline, and Wayne counties (southern Illinois) to \$14 per acre in Vermilion County (east-central Illinois).

⁴⁵ M. E. Shurtleff, recording steward, History First M.E. Church, Bone Gap, Ill. Handwritten text prepared about 1908, photocopy in author's possession.

was erected and dedicated in August 1849, then called Salem Methodist Episcopal Church.⁴⁶ (Thomas Parker was Worthy's nephew—the son of Thomas and Mary [Thrall] Parker of Granville, Ohio, and a grandson of Eliphas and Mary [Mead] Thrall.)⁴⁷

The Lawrenceville Circuit of the church included Bone Gap, and held conferences quarterly. Worthy attended these gatherings 28 April and 21 July 1849, and 4 May, 20 July, and 2 November in 1850. On 20 July 1850, “Brother Danl B. Leech” was recommended by the “Society at Salem” (later Bone Gap), examined on doctrine and discipline, and was by vote licensed to preach.⁴⁸

At work

Preacher Daniel may well have been one of the neighbors with whom Worthy traded work. Worthy was a wheelwright or cabinet maker who also made wagons. “In his boyhood days or young manhood he had learned also the blacksmith’s [trade,]” wrote his daughter, “but I think never worked very much at that as it hurt him but did the carpenter work more, made bureaus, bedsteads, tables—always kept a man in the shop for the blacksmith and helped him.”⁴⁹

Fragmentary information on Worthy’s work between 19 May 1840 and 1 February 1850 can be glimpsed in fragile handwritten entries on four separated sheets from a printed account book of at least 67 pages. They mention almost entirely blacksmithing work, but the sample is tiny and woodworking might have occupied a separate book. Named neighbors were George Lough/Low in 1841 and 1843–45; Robert Lee 1841 and 1843; Charles Root 1841; John S. Kitchen 1840, 1843, and 1848; Daniel and William S. Leach 1841 and 1843; S./H. Crowder 1849; C. T. (?) Hendricks 1847; Alpheus Rude 1849; and apparently Guy Crooks. Most accounts were kept in quarters (25 cents) and fractions thereof.

Each job of work, credit or debit, was briefly noted. The commonest was “to sharp[en] [plow]shares” for 12 ½ cents. These and other farm-related jobs were concentrated in the spring. Sometimes labor was traded: it appears that Worthy did “part of days work” valued at 25 cents 18 July 1844 and supplied 2½ bushels of wheat valued at \$1.25 (50 cents a bushel) 21 August, and included those amounts when he and George Lough settled up 24 January 1845. “Shoeing [horses]” was not as common as one might expect, and cost 50 cents.

The most expensive jobs were “35 lbs of plow irons” (\$7.00, date and customer torn off); 31 lbs of plough laid with steel” (\$5.66, 27 June 1842, for Charles Root), and “22 lbs of plough irons” (\$3.66, 6 June 1848, customer not visible). Other jobs included:

- * “shoeing and repair coffee mill” (56 ¼ cents, 25 December 1845 for George Lough);
- * “make teakettle bail” (18 ¾ cents, 10 July 1840, customer not visible);
- * “mend hoes drawing knife & bell” (25 cents, 8 June 1843 for George Low);

⁴⁶ *A History of Edwards County, Illinois* (Albion: Edwards County Historical Society, 1980), 32.

⁴⁷ “Memoir of Thomas Parker,” *Minutes of the Central Ohio Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church*, Upper Sandusky, 9–14 Sep. 1853 (Cincinnati: Methodist Book Concern, 1863), 38–39, which does not name his parents but identifies him as born in Newark, Licking Co., Ohio, 25 Dec. 1827, corresponding to the following census entry: Thomas Parker [Sr.] household for Thomas Parker [Jr.] age 23 b. Ohio, “M.E. Clergyman,” 1850 U.S. census, Etna Twp., Licking Co., Ohio, pp. 608–609, dw. 1905, fam. 1937.

⁴⁸ TK

⁴⁹ Letter from Caroline (Thrall) Campbell, transcribed by her grand-niece genealogist Rosalie (Thrall) Carmichael in “Thrall Genealogy” (17-page typescript on onion skin in red binder, by Rosalie although no author is named), 3; in author’s possession, tub 2, item 34.

- * “one iron pitch fork” (37 ½ cents, 27 June 1843 for Daniel Leach);
- * “one scratch awl” (6 ¼ cents—the least expensive job—10 July 1843 for Daniel Leach);
- * “repair waggon” (50 cents, 2 January 1841 for Daniel Leach);
- * “one hoe one set of loom irons . . . &c” (\$1.62 ½, 20 May 1843 for William S. Leach);
- * “mend brush cythe make grass nail & put hinge to stove door” (37 ½ cents, 1 September 1841 for Charles Root); and
- “set tire [?] & mend fire shovel” (87 ½ cents, 31 July 1841 for Daniel Leach).⁵⁰

Historian Fred Anderson describes a similar local economy in western Massachusetts, where Worthy’s grandfather Samuel had lived two generations earlier:

Any rural householder at any given time would owe and be owed by dozens of his neighbors. Moreover, few men possessed liquid assets sufficient to settle all, or even many, of their debts on demand. . . . For them, economic survival meant not being called on to settle their obligations frequently (or worst of all, unexpectedly). The way to succeed within these cash-starved town economies was not to get ahead, but to be a patient creditor and a faithful debtor . . . not the sort of man who would increase his estate at his townsmen’s expense.⁵¹

Worthy’s early death created no known record beyond his grave marker. A family story has it that he was cutting wood for the minister in very cold weather, became sick, and died at age 35.⁵² The age is wrong, and Bone Gap had no resident minister at the time. Perhaps Daniel Leach was the preacher in question, or perhaps the circuit rider was then living near Bone Gap. Worthy left no will; his estate was administered by son-in-law Amos B. Morgan with a bond of \$200.⁵³

Hannah

Like Worthy, Hannah was the youngest child in her family. She lived almost a quarter-century as Worthy’s widow and saw her son Leonidas through McKendree College, in part with her earnings from taking in weaving.⁵⁴ In 1860, eight years after Worthy’s death, the farm still had 40 improved acres (by then, below average for the neighborhood) and was worth about \$1200 (average for the neighborhood). It was the only farm in the neighborhood with no horses, and one of twelve that raised no hay. Evidently she was hiring help and buying feed for the two “milch cows.”⁵⁵

Daughter Hannah Caroline “Carrie” was about seven years old when Worthy died. She left the only implicit record of how bleak the family’s world must have been in the 1850s after father Worthy’s death in 1852 and sister Rachel’s in 1857. “Dear, grand old Uncle Oliver,” she wrote years later. “My heart is in my throat and eyes whenever I think of him. While he was much older than

⁵⁰ Worthy Thrall account books, images and transcription from delicate originals—four sheets or partial sheets out of a total of at least 67—arbitrarily designated A1, A2, B1, B2, C1, C2, D1, and D2; images in author’s possession.

⁵¹ Fred Anderson, *A People’s Army: Massachusetts Soldiers and Society in the Seven Years’ War* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 1984), 30. Also, Fernand Braudel, *The Structures of Everyday Life: Civilization & Capitalism 15th–18th Century* (New York: Harper & Row, 1981) 1:446–48.

⁵² TK HLT ms.

⁵³ Worthy Thrall probate, Edwards Co., Ill., 1 May 1854 administration; “Illinois, Wills and Probate Records, 1772–1999” > Edwards > Probate Court files, box 10 > images 1673–77 of 2101 (ancestry.com).

⁵⁴ Rosalie (Thrall) Carmichael in “Thrall Genealogy” (17-page typescript on onion skin in red binder, by Rosalie although no author is named), 3; in author’s possession, tub 2, item 34. Also possibly TK HLT ms.

⁵⁵ Hannah Thrall farm entry, 1860 U.S. census, agriculture schedule, Albion P.O., Edwards Co., Ill., pp. 11–12, line 13. Near neighbors are defined as the 39 other farms enumerated on the same page. Ancestry.com’s image is much less readable than the NARA microfilm.

father, he lived many years after father was gone and was so good to come and see us and encourage and cheer us up.”⁵⁶

In May 1870 Hannah was living in Lebanon where son Leonidas was attending McKendree. His older sisters helped make his college education possible, as the following letter from Hannah makes plain. From family circumstances—mother Hannah and oldest sister Mary Elizabeth both being widows—it seems likely that Laura and Solon were the main contributors. That month Hannah wrote to daughters “Lizzie” Morgan and Laura Gould in Bone Gap:

We were all glad to get a letter from you we are all well at present. Call and Wog [not identified; one may be a nickname for Leonidas] are so busy I must answer your letter. They have some fine times in college and trust profitable. We still have good Tuesday evening prayer meetings. Lonny [Leonidas] goes to every meeting of late. If sinners will go to hell from Lebanon, I do not believe this praying band will have to answer for their sins any more than Noah, Elijah, or Daniel of old would have to answer for the sins of the unbelieving stubborn sinners in their time. When they are solemnly warned by precept and example having the eyes of their understanding inlighted and they see what is for their eternal good and refuse to yield to the gospels’ plan for salvation they will be condemned but God’s people will be clear of their guilt. I must confess there are some cold professors [who] to all appearance go after the world and fashion and vanity more than after God. It costs ten dollars to get a dress made in the fashion so much trimming and flouncing. How vain it does look and how displeasing to Him who suffered so much to redeem a lost and ruined world from sin and death and to bring us back to happiness and favor with himself.

She went on to ask after her four Morgan grandchildren:

How is Milton doing, is he still serving Jesus as his best friend. I hope he is. I am glad Crete can write so well. Think she will make a good writer. I am so glad Allen can write, which hand does he write with? Tell Willie to write [illegible]. Why don’t Milton ever write? I hope to see you all soon.

Travel arrangements could be tricky (Lebanon to Olney was about 100 miles east by train, with another 25 by horse and wagon south to Bone Gap) and had to be made by post:

Who and when will it be convenient to meet us at the depot the 3 or 4 of June. Let us know, we will meet you at Olney Friday or Saturday noon. Write and let us know when it will suit the best. You better come with the big wagon for us, we want to bring our trunks and chest with us, what we put freight will not come to Olney the same day that we do [thus requiring an extra fifty-mile round trip by wagon] and now Lizzie the worst of it, we have no dinner and in debt 13 dollars. We want you to send some soon. Tell Laura and Solon we will want forty dollars. If you can’t get it no other way, get it off Mr. Bride. Send some right soon.

The back of the letter included a note to Laura:

⁵⁶ Rosalie (Thrall) Carmichael in “Thrall Genealogy” (17-page typescript on onion skin in red binder, by Rosalie although no author is named), 3; in author’s possession, tub 2, item 34. For Oliver’s dates, 29 July 1796 to 15 Aug. 1858, see Charles Koenig’s 1988 reading of Ridge Cemetery, Lick Prairie Pct., Wabash Co., Ill. (<http://www.interment.net/data/us/il/wabash/ridge.htm>). In fact Oliver survived Worthy by only 6 ½ years, but the gift of his presence lasted longer in family memory.

You said if we would stay through spring term you would see that we would have money to take us through. I guess you will find it [illegible line] tried to be saving. Lonny feels so bad about it but we all come out right if we do the best we can and leave the rest with God, that is all we can do. Do you know of any school Call could get [a job teaching in]? Write and let [us] know.

Children of Worthy⁷ and Hannah (James) Thrall

- 2 i. MARY ELIZABETH⁸ THRALL (Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹) was born 15 November 1833 in Granville, Licking County, Ohio, and died 6 January 1903 in Bone Gap, Edwards County. She married 24 January 1852 in Edwards County AMOS B. MORGAN.
- ii. (barely possible) NANCY⁸ THRALL (Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹) was reportedly born in 1834.⁵⁷
- 3 iii. LAURA LUCINA⁸ THRALL (Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹) was born 3 October 1835 in Illinois and died 12 February 1898. She married 3 April 1862 SOLON HARPER GOULD.
- iv. CYRUS⁸ THRALL (Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹) was born 23 July 1838 in Illinois, and died there 3 July 1841.⁵⁸
- iv. RACHEL EMELINE⁸ THRALL (Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹) was born 17 September 1841 (calculated) in Illinois, and died in Bone Gap 23 January 1857.⁵⁹ “Emaline” was eight years old and attending school in 1850.⁶⁰
- v. RIGDON/ROYDON/BRYDEN⁸ THRALL (Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹) was born 1842–43 in Edwards County, and died after the 1850 census, when he was age seven and attending school.⁶¹
- 4 vi. HANNAH CAROLINE “CARRIE”⁸ THRALL (Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹) was born 18 January 1845 in Edwards County, and died 31 December 1924 at Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana. She married 2 September 1875 CHARLES WESLEY CAMPBELL.
- 5 vii. LEONIDAS WORTHY⁸ THRALL (Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹) was born 21 February 1850 in Bone Gap, and died 21 May 1918 in Du Quoin, Perry County. He married first 29 September 1873 EDITH MARIE FLINT, and second 27 December 1900 EMILY MARTHA JONES.

⁵⁷ D. Stephen Thrall and Grant Leslie Thrall, *Thrall Genealogy 1630–1965: Descendants of William Thrall* (privately published, 1965), 69. No source or corroboration is known for this child, and the timing for a birth is narrow.

⁵⁸ Worthy Thrall household for boy under age 5, 1840 U.S. census, Wabash Co., Ill., p. 157, line 18. For name, Rosalie (Thrall) Carmichael, “Thrall Genealogy” (17-page typescript on onion skin in red binder, by Rosalie Thrall Carmichael although no author is named), 3; in author’s possession, Tub 2, item 34.

⁵⁹ Morthy [Worthy] Thrall household for apparent daughter “Emaline” age 8 b. Ill., 1850 U.S. census, Edwards Co., Ill., p. 256 (stamped, verso), dw. 84, fam. 85. Also, Rosalie (Thrall) Carmichael, “Thrall Genealogy” (17-page typescript on onion skin in red binder, by Rosalie Thrall Carmichael although no author is named), p. 3; in author’s possession, Tub 2, item 34. Also, “Rachel Dau. of W. & H. Thrall, 15 yrs. 4 mo. 6 days,” implying birth about 17 Sep. 1841: Duane Smith, comp., “Old Part of [Bone Gap] Cemetery,” handwritten list of 380 numbered burials with names, birth dates, and death dates; photocopy in author’s possession.

⁶⁰ Morthy [Worthy] Thrall household for Emaline, 1850 U.S. census, Edwards Co., Ill., p. 256 (stamped, verso), dw. 84, fam. 85.

⁶¹ All three given names do appear elsewhere in the 1850 U.S. census. For Rigdon: Morthy [Worthy] Thrall household for apparent son Rigdon age 7 b. Ill., 1850 U.S. census, Edwards Co., Ill., p. 256 (stamped, verso), dw. 84, fam. 85 (author’s reading). For Bryden: D. Stephen Thrall and Grant Leslie Thrall, *Thrall Genealogy 1630–1965: Descendants of William Thrall* (privately published, 1965), 69. For Roydon: Morthy [Worthy] Thrall household for apparent son Roydon age 7 b. Ill., 1850 U.S. census, Edwards Co., Ill., p. 256 (stamped, verso), dw. 84, fam. 85 (Ancestry.com’s reading).

EIGHTH GENERATION

(1833–1924, presidents Jackson to Coolidge)

CHAPTER 2. MARY THRALL—AMOS MORGAN FAMILY

“Prepared for the change”

2. MARY ELIZABETH⁸ THRALL (Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹)

Birth: 15 November 1833 in Licking County, Ohio

Death: 6 January 1903 in Bone Gap, Edwards County

Burial: 7 January 1903 at the Bone Gap Methodist Cemetery⁶²

Spouse: **AMOS B. MORGAN**, married 24 January 1852 in Edwards County⁶³

Spouse's parents: Theodore and Lydia Haskell (Rude) Morgan⁶⁴

Spouse's birth: about 22 January 1827 (calculated) in Virginia

Spouse's death: 11 October 1865, said to be age 38 years, 8 months, 19 days

Spouse's burial: Bone Gap Cemetery⁶⁵

Mary Elizabeth was no doubt the girl aged 5–10 in Worthy Thrall's 1840 household.⁶⁶ She had reportedly lived in Edwards County “since the age of nine years,” or 1842–43, suggesting the date of the family's move there from Wabash County. She was reportedly “converted when she was 14 years of age” (about 1847–48).⁶⁷ She was reportedly age 16 and not attending school in 1850.⁶⁸

In 1860 Amos was a farmer with \$1700 in real estate and \$600 in personal property; the household included Milton age 7, “Allan” age 4, “Wilber” age 2, and Virginia-born schoolteacher Rebecca Morgan.⁶⁹ Amos had 100 improved acres; his machinery was worth \$100, livestock \$600, and the farm as a whole \$1700. In the previous year he raised 1000 bushels of “Indian corn” and four tons of hay. In all these categories he was in the top half or quarter of his neighbors.⁷⁰ In 1860 the Edwards

⁶² Rev. G. A. Seed, “Obituary” for Mary Elizabeth Thrall Morgan, *Albion Journal-Register* (Ill.), Thur. 15 Jan. 1903, p. 3, col. 3. She had been ill for two years. For gravestone, author's visit, 24–25 May 2001, when it was partially legible. Age at death 69 [??] years, 1 month, 22 days, implying about 15 Nov. 1833. Inscription: “Servant of God well done / They glorious warfare's past / The battles fought the victory won / And thou are crowned at last!”

⁶³ Amos B. Morgan–Mary E. Thrall licensed 17 Jan., married 24 Jan. 1852, Edwards Co., Ill., Marriage Book B:139. Norman Allyn, M.G., officiated. (His surname may have been given to their second son.) Mary's obituary gives the 23rd: Rev. G. A. Seed, “Obituary” Mary Elizabeth Thrall Morgan, *Albion Journal-Register* (Ill.), Thur. 15 Jan. 1903, p. 3, col. 3.

⁶⁴ Rev. G. A. Seed, “Obituary” for Mary Elizabeth Thrall Morgan, *Albion Journal-Register* (Ill.), Thur. 15 Jan. 1903, p. 3, col. 3. TK source for Haskell.

⁶⁵ Amos B. Morgan grave marker, Bone Gap Cemetery, viewed by author 24–25 May 2001: “His sun went down in cloudless skies / Assured upon the morn to rise / In lovelier array / Does he forget? O no; / For memory's golden chain / Still binds his hear to friends below / Until we meet again.” Death date Oct. 11, 1865, age 38 years, 8 months, 19 days, from grave marker—implying birth about 22 Jan. 1827. Almost all such calculations involve a degree of uncertainty: see Barbara Levergood, “Calculating and Using Dates and Date Ranges,” *National Genealogical Society Quarterly* 102 (March 2014): 51–75. Also, Rev. G. A. Seed, “Obituary” for Mary Elizabeth Thrall Morgan, *Albion Journal-Register* (Ill.), Thur. 15 Jan. 1903, p. 3, col. 3. For birth state Va., Amos B. Morgan household, 1860 U.S. census, Edwards Co., Ill., pp. 868–69, dw./fam. 474.

⁶⁶ Worthy Thrall household for girl age 5–10, 1840 U.S. census, Wabash Co., Ill., p. 157, line 18.

⁶⁷ Rev. G. A. Seed, “Obituary” for Mary Elizabeth Thrall Morgan, *Albion Journal-Register* (Ill.), Thur. 15 Jan. 1903, p. 3, col. 3.

⁶⁸ Morthy [Worthy] Thrall household for Mary, 1850 U.S. census, Edwards Co., Ill., p. 256 (stamped, verso), dw. 84, fam. 85.

⁶⁹ Amos B. Morgan household, 1860 U.S. census, Edwards Co., Ill., pp. 868–69, dw./fam. 474. Rebecca has not been identified.

⁷⁰ Annie [Amos] Morgan farm entry, 1860 U.S. census, agriculture schedule, Albion P.O., Edwards Co., Ill., p. 11, line 21. Near neighbors are defined as the 39 other farms enumerated on the same page. The image at Ancestry.com is much less readable than the microfilm version.

County average was \$11 per acre; with either 140 or 160 total acres, Amos's farm was average or a little better.⁷¹

Amos owned parcels of land in three different sections of Township 1 South Range 14 West in Edwards County, but much of his land ownership history is obscure:

* In Section 9, he bought 80 acres from a "Commissioner" 17 September 1852: the SE quarter of the NW quarter, and the NW quarter of the SW quarter.⁷² On 4 November 1859 he sold part of the SW quarter of the SW quarter—of which there's no record of his purchasing—to Edwin D. Rude.⁷³

* In Section 6 (about a mile to the northwest), on 5 January 1854 Amos received a government patent for 80 acres, the south half of the SE quarter. By the time he received the patent, he had already sold half of it (the SW quarter of the SE quarter) to Julius Stanley 18 February 1853.⁷⁴ Later, on 7 February 1864, he sold 20 more acres (the south half of the NE quarter of the SE quarter) to M. W. Morgan, leaving him with 20 acres there.⁷⁵ "M. W." was surely not his oldest son Milton, who was only 12 years old at the time; perhaps the buyer was Maxwell W. Morgan, who was active in the land market at that time. TK check originals in Albion

* In Section 3 Amos bought 20 acres from Robert Thread Jr. 1 May 1857, the south half of the SE quarter of the SW quarter, quite close to Amos's property in Section 9.⁷⁶

In 1870, eighteen-year-old Milton was the farmer and had \$1200 in real estate.⁷⁷ Young Grandson Edgar Morgan, Milton's son, was in grandmother Mary Elizabeth Morgan's household in 1880.⁷⁸ In that year, she sold her undivided interest in land in Section 17 to her sister Laura L. Gould for \$250.⁷⁹ In 1881 Mary E. Morgan and others sold land to Winfield S. Bare, probably less than 40 acres in the NW quarter of the SW quarter of Section 9, Township 1S, Range 14W, for \$140.⁸⁰

In 1900 Mary Elizabeth was living with daughter Lucretia and son-in-law Joseph Walter Britton in Glenwood, Schuyler County, Missouri.⁸¹ "About two years ago [1901] she was stricken with

⁷¹ Charles H. Barnard and John Jones, *Farm Real Estate Values in the United States by Counties, 1850–1982*, Statistical Bulletin #751, Economic Research Service, U.S. Dept. of Agriculture (Washington, D.C.: U.S. Government Printing Office, 1987), Table 1, p. 3 for states, and Table 2, pp. 24–29 for Illinois counties (hathitrust.org).

⁷² Amos B. Morgan from Commissioner, Edwards Co., Ill., deeds H:361, 17 Feb 1852, rec. 24 Sep.; Edwards Co. Grantee Index, FHL 1,401,782, item 3, DGS 7,625,301, image 290 of 677.

⁷³ Amos B. Morgan to Edwin D. Rude, Edwards Co., Ill., deeds L:705, 4 Nov. 1859, rec. 16 Mar. 1860 (pt. SW ¼ SW ¼ Sec. 9 Twp. 1S Range 14W); Grantor Index D–Z, FHL 1,401,783, DGS 8,117,694, image 95 of 726.

⁷⁴ Edwards Co. entry #16371 for Amos B. Morgan (40 acres, S ½ SE ¼ Sec. 6 Twp. 1S Range 14W), patent dated 5 Jan. 1854; Bureau of Land Management, "Land Patent Search," database, *General Land Office Records* [GLO] (glorerecords.blm.gov/PatentSearch). Also, Amos B. Morgan to Julius Stanley, Edwards Co., Ill., deeds I:23, 18 Feb. 1853, rec. 28 May (SW ¼ SE ¼ Sec. 6 Twp. 1S Range 14W); Grantor Index D–Z, FHL 1,401,783, DGS 8,117,694, image 91 of 726.

⁷⁵ Amos B. Morgan to M. W. Morgan, Edwards Co., Ill., deeds O:553 (S ½ NE ¼ SE ¼ Sec. 6 Twp. 1S Range 14W), 7 Feb. 1864, rec. 18 May 1860; Grantor Index D–Z, FHL 1,401,783, DGS 8,117,694, image 98 of 726.

⁷⁶ Amos B. Morgan from Robert Thread Jr., Edwards Co., Ill., deeds K:351 (S ½ SE ¼ SW ¼, Sec. 3, Twp. 1S, Range 14W), rec. 19 Mar. 1868; Grantee Index 1, FHL 1,401,782, item 3, DGS 7,625,301, image 293 of 677.

⁷⁷ Mary E. Thrall [sic] household, 1870 U.S. census, Albion Pct., Edwards Co., Ill., p. 300, dw. 329, fam. 328.

⁷⁸ Elizabeth Morgan household, 1880 U.S. census, Albion, Edwards Co., Ill., ED 7, p. 424D, dw. 565, fam. 574.

⁷⁹ Mary E. Morgan to Laura L. Gould, Edwards Co., Ill., Deeds W:615 (NW ¼ NW ¼ and part of SW ¼ NW ¼ [thus somewhat under 80 acres], Sec. 17, Twp. 1S, Range 14W), rec. 27 Oct. 1880; Grantee Index 1, FHL 1,401,782, item 3, DGS 7,625,301, image 486 of 677.

⁸⁰ Mary E. Morgan et al. to Winfield S. Bare, Edwards Co., Ill., Deeds Y:231 (pt. NW ¼ SW ¼ Sec. 9 Twp. 1S, Range 14W); Grantor Index D–Z, FHL 1,401,783, DGS 8,117,694, image 335 of 726.

⁸¹ James [Joseph] W. Britton household, 1900 U.S. census, Glenwood, Schuyler Co., Mo., ED 132, sh. 4B, dw./fam. 76.

the disease which finally proved fatal. She gradually grew worse and during the last two weeks the end seemed very near. She was prepared for the change.”⁸²

At some point—perhaps after Amos’s death in 1865—all four children appeared in some kind of court proceeding, having to do with guardianship. The relevant documents are in the records of the Edwards County Circuit Clerk, Box 26, no. 81, naming Milton W., Alan T., Wilber, and Lucretia. TK CHECK IN ALBION ⁸³

Children of Mary Elizabeth⁸ (Thrall) and Amos B. Morgan, all born in Edwards County

- 6 i. MILTON WORTHY⁹ MORGAN (Mary Elizabeth Thrall⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹) was born 12 December 1852 and died 30 September 1899 in Edwards County. He married first 5 January 1871 CLEMENTINE CLARK, and second 14 May 1882 AMANDA MARIE TEACHOUT.
- 7 ii. ALLYN THEODORE⁹ MORGAN (Mary Elizabeth Thrall⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹) was born 15 August 1856 near Bone Gap, and died there 29 November 1931. He married first 10 January 1878 ROSINA ABIGAIL SMITH, second 14 July 1881 as her second husband LOUISA A. (THRALL) GASH, and third 9 November 1886 MARY CATHERINE SCHOFIELD.
- 8 iii. WILBUR AMOS⁹ MORGAN (Mary Elizabeth Thrall⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹) was born 22 February 1858 and died 4 August 1945. He married 7 January 1884 ELIZA JANE SMITH.
- 9 iv. LUCRETIA ADA “CRETIE”⁹ MORGAN (Mary Elizabeth Thrall⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹) was born 21 September 1863 and died July 1906 in Edwards County. She married 17 December 1885 REV. JOSEPH WALTER BRITTON.

⁸² Rev. G. A. Seed, “Obituary” for Mary Elizabeth Thrall Morgan, *Albion Journal-Register* (Ill.), Thur. 15 Jan. 1903, p. 3, col. 3.

⁸³ Entries for Milton W. Morgan, Alan T. Morgan, Wilber Morgan, Lucretia Morgan, Edwards County Historical Society, *Guardian Index to Files, Albion, Illinois—Includes Insolvents, Adoption, and Insane Persons* (Albion, Ill.: Edwards Co. Historical Society, no date), 13.

CHAPTER 3. LAURA THRALL–SOLON GOULD FAMILY

“The amount of work done by her would shame most of the healthy people by whom we are surrounded”

3. LAURA LUCINA⁸ THRALL (Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹)

Birth: 3 October 1835 in Bone Gap, Edwards County, Illinois

Death: 12 February 1898, Bone Gap

Burial: Bone Gap Cemetery

Spouse: **SOLON HARPER GOULD**, married 3 April 1862 “near Bone Gap”⁸⁴

Spouse’s parents: Freeman and Dorcas (Ward) Gould

Spouse’s birth: 17 April 1837 in Bone Gap

Spouse’s death: 3 February 1914 in Bone Gap

Spouse’s burial: Bone Gap Cemetery⁸⁵

Laura

Laura was no doubt the girl under age five in Worthy Thrall’s 1840 Wabash County household.⁸⁶ In 1850 she was thirteen and attending school.⁸⁷ She was among those instrumental in supporting Leonidas through his education at McKendree. After Laura’s death at age 62, Edith (Flint) Thrall wrote to Leonidas:

I was not surprised to hear your news. After a long life of suffering bravely borne she rests. Her life of pain is not the most prominent thought that remains. Her great energy and the amount of work done by her would shame most of the healthy people by whom we are surrounded. She was a christian and to one of her temperament this meant no idle dream. She was earnest in everything. As I think of her this morning I think of her as a strong character and capable of deep and lasting affections. Those whom she loved so well know this is the uttermost. It is one more tie on the other side. I am so glad Victor went with you. I believe it will be a comfort to the folks [Goulds] for he was always something of a favorite with her.⁸⁸

Sol’s youth

Aside from four years in the Civil War and two years thereafter logging five miles south of Rochester Mills in Wabash County, Solon spent his whole life farming in Edwards County a mile and a half southwest of Bone Gap.⁸⁹ At age nine, “I was chopping wood in the door yard, and struck my

⁸⁴ Family questionnaire 15 June 1899, Solon H. Gould pension file 743,817 (service of Solon H. Gould, Co. B, 18th Ill. Inf. and Co. 90, Batt. 2, Veteran Reserve Corps), Case Files of Approved Pension Applications..., 1861–1934; Civil War and Later Pension Files, Record Group 15, Dept. of Veterans Affairs, National Archives and Records Administration [NARA], Washington, D.C. Levi English officiated at the marriage.

⁸⁵ Solon H. Gould entry #284, aged “62 yrs. 4 mo. 9 Days,” Duane Smith, comp., “Old Part of [Bone Gap] Cemetery,” handwritten list of 380 numbered burials with names, birth dates, and death dates; photocopy in author’s possession.

⁸⁶ Worthy Thrall household for girl age 5–10, 1840 U.S. census, Wabash Co., Ill., p. 157, line 18.

⁸⁷ Morthy [Worthy] Thrall household for Laura, 1850 U.S. census, Edwards Co., Ill., p. 256 (stamped, verso), dw. 84, fam. 85.

⁸⁸ Edith Flint Thrall in Lebanon to Leonidas in Bone Gap, letter 14 Feb. 1898; Flint–Thrall letter #63, in author’s possession.

⁸⁹ Solon H. Gould, claimant’s statement, deposition A, 10 Dec. 1890, p. 10 of special examiner’s report; Solon H. Gould pension file 743,817 (service of Solon H. Gould, Co. B, 18th Ill. Inf. and Co. 90, Batt. 2, Veteran Reserve Corps), Case Files of Approved Pension Applications..., 1861–1934; Civil

shin with the corner of the ax blade, and splintered the bone,” but this had no obvious ill effects then or later. Ten years later he “had the ague pretty bad—terribly bad;” afterwards he and his brother Stephen noticed a few small blue “knots” on his left leg, but thought little of them.⁹⁰

Sol’s Civil War and Henry Wilson’s vendetta

Following President Lincoln’s 3 May 1861 call for three-year volunteers, Solon enlisted in the U.S. Army on the 28th in Anna, Union County, Illinois. He was 24 years old, 5 feet 9 inches tall, with dark hair, gray eyes, and a dark complexion.⁹¹ His mustering-in later became a matter of contention.

Solon first served as a private in Company B of the 18th Illinois Infantry. In September 1861 he was absent and in the regimental hospital.⁹² For a rank-and-file private his record does seem unusually eventful. In December 1861 he was assigned 28 days of extra duty as a carpenter; in March and April 1862 he was “absent sick.”⁹³ The hospital muster roll had him on duty there as a “nurse” as of 17 February.⁹⁴ For most of the first half of 1862 he was on “detached service” as a hospital nurse; perhaps inconsistently, he is also said to have been involved in the battles of Fort Donelson (13–15 February) and Shiloh (6–7 April).⁹⁵ He was home on “sick furlough” after Fort Donelson, when Dr. Schaefer gave him medicine for a “torpid liver.”⁹⁶ [29]

Then came the turning point. As Solon told it four years later, “he was attacked with varicose veins in left leg and at the knee joint caused by overdrilling through Corn fields disabling him . . . [and preventing] him from doing full duty for the remainder of the term of service.”⁹⁷ [67S] Two sergeants from Solon’s company also testified that “Said Soldier continued to do full service until . . . Aug. 1st 1862. While at Jackson Tenn. He became lame and Dr. Henry W. Davis the Sen. Surgeon of said Regt. Said that he was attacked with varicose veins in the left leg and knee joint disabling him in such a manner as to prevent him from doing full duty and about Aug. 1863 he was sent to the invalid corps. That the said soldier ~~was in good health~~ was supposed to be in good health at the time he entered the service.”⁹⁸

War and Later Pension Files, Record Group 15, Dept. of Veterans Affairs, National Archives and Records Administration [NARA], Washington, D.C. [29]

⁹⁰ S. B. Gould, deposition B, pp. 13–14 of special examiner’s report; Solon H. Gould pension file 743,817 (service of Solon H. Gould, Co. B, 18th Ill. Inf. and Co. 90, Batt. 2, Veteran Reserve Corps), Case Files of Approved Pension Applications..., 1861–1934; Civil War and Later Pension Files, Record Group 15, Dept. of Veterans Affairs, National Archives and Records Administration [NARA], Washington, D.C. [26]

⁹¹ James M. McPherson, *Battle Cry of Freedom: The Civil War Era* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1988), 322. Also, Solon H. Gould entry, “Illinois Civil War Muster and Descriptive Rolls Detail Report,” Illinois State Archives (ilsos.gov/isaveterans/civilMusterSearch.doc).

⁹² Solon H. Gould entries, Co. B., 18th Ill. infantry, list of returns on various dates, Combined Military Service Record card; National Archives and Records Administration [NARA]. [47S]

⁹³ Solon H. Gould entry, Co. B, 18th Ill. infantry, Combined Military Service Record card for Nov.–Dec. 1861; National Archives and Records Administration [NARA].

⁹⁴ Solon H. Gould entry, Hospital muster roll, 18th Ill. infantry, Combined Military Service Record card for Mar.–Apr. 1862; NARA.

⁹⁵ Solon H. Gould entries, Co. B, 18th Ill. infantry, Combined Military Service Record cards for Jan.–Feb. and Mar.–April 1862. Also, “Remarks” on Solon H. Gould Combined Military Service Record card created 1894 based on muster-out roll 18 June 1864; National Archives and Records Administration. The card is keyed to his being in the 90th Company, 2nd Battalion, of the Veterans Reserve Corps, but includes information about his earlier service.

⁹⁶ Solon H. Gould deposition 10 Dec. 1890, Special Examiner’s report, p. 29; Solon H. Gould pension file 743,817 (service of Solon H. Gould, Co. B, 18th Ill. Inf. and Co. 90, Batt. 2, Veteran Reserve Corps), Case Files of Approved Pension Applications..., 1861–1934; Civil War and Later Pension Files, Record Group 15, Dept. of Veterans Affairs, National Archives and Records Administration [NARA], Washington, D.C.

⁹⁷ Solon H. Gould claim for invalid pension, 29 Aug. 1866, Solon H. Gould pension file 743,817 (service of Solon H. Gould, Co. B, 18th Ill. Inf. and Co. 90, Batt. 2, Veteran Reserve Corps), Case Files of Approved Pension Applications..., 1861–1934; Civil War and Later Pension Files, Record Group 15, Dept. of Veterans Affairs, National Archives and Records Administration [NARA], Washington, D.C. [67S]

⁹⁸ Sergeant’s Affidavit to Disability of Soldier, George McMurchy and Daniel Kinsall, 13 Mar. 1869, Gallatin Co., Ill.; Solon H. Gould pension file 743,817 (service of Solon H. Gould, Co. B, 18th Ill. Inf. and Co. 90, Batt. 2, Veteran Reserve Corps), Case Files of Approved Pension Applications...,

For reasons not given, sometime in the last two months of 1862 Solon was court-martialed and had ten days of pay stopped.⁹⁹ In November he was also “Co. woodchopper.”¹⁰⁰ On 18 April 1863 he was “absent on Detachment with Capt. Davis,” and from May through August that year he was “absent on a Detachment to Recruit Negroes.”¹⁰¹ (Did his much younger brother-in-law Leonidas Thrall [Chapter 5] ever chat with Solon about those experiences?)

As of 1 August 1863 Solon was deemed “unfit for active field service” and was in a “provisional encampment” at Fort Pickering in Memphis. At that point he had reportedly been disabled for 12 months and in hospital for two.¹⁰² On or about 9 October 1863 he was transferred to the “invalid corps,” eventually the 90th Company, 2nd Battalion, Veterans Reserve Corps (VRC). Perplexingly, “the military records do not show cause of transfer to Invalid Corps.”¹⁰³ On 7 December 1863 he was promoted from private to corporal.¹⁰⁴ In the VRC Solon was stationed in Memphis, St. Louis, and finally Rock Island (Illinois), where he spent the first few months of 1864 “on daily duty making coffins” and interring deceased prisoners of war. He was discharged 18 June.¹⁰⁵

Early on, Solon somehow provoked the wrath of Company B’s adjutant Henry S. Wilson, later promoted to captain and later to major. Nevertheless, in 1868, when Solon started to build his case for a pension due to disability incurred during his service, he traveled to Shawneetown, Gallatin County, and called on Wilson. Sol recalled that he “respectfully asked [Wilson] for a certificate to the facts of the contracting disability in the service, and was roughly and profanely answered that he (the said Henry S. Wilson) would not give him a certificate for any thing.”¹⁰⁶

On 12 March 1869 Wilson followed up on this event by writing to the commissioner of pensions in his capacity as a former officer, and warned the commissioner that Solon was likely to apply for a pension. First disavowing any ill will, Wilson then described Solon as an “imposter . . . a big stout Healthy man,” adding that a pension for him would be “a great imposition upon the Govt.”

Solon and Wilson disagreed as to the circumstances of Solon’s 1861 mustering-in. Solon later called that physical examination a sham: “My legs were not examined. There was no objection to

1861–1934; Civil War and Later Pension Files, Record Group 15, Dept. of Veterans Affairs, National Archives and Records Administration [NARA], Washington, D.C. Lined-through words in original. [85]

⁹⁹ Solon H. Gould entry, Co. B, 18th Ill. infantry, Combined Military Service Record cards for Nov.–Dec. 1862.

¹⁰⁰ Solon H. Gould entries, Co. B, 18th Ill. infantry, list of returns on various dates, Combined Military Service Record card; National Archives and Records Administration [NARA]. [47S]

¹⁰¹ Solon H. Gould entries, Co. B, 18th Ill. infantry, Combined Military Service Record cards for 18 Apr., May–June, and July–Aug. 1863.

¹⁰² Solon H. Gould entry, Co. B, 18th Ill. infantry, Combined Military Service Record card for 1 Aug. 1863.

¹⁰³ J. C. Ainsworth, Capt. and Asst. Surgeon, U.S. Army, War Dept., Record and Pension Division, 3 June 1890, responding to a 28 May query from the Interior Dept. Bureau of Pensions; Solon H. Gould pension file 743,817 (service of Solon H. Gould, Co. B, 18th Ill. Inf. and Co. 90, Batt. 2, Veteran Reserve Corps), Case Files of Approved Pension Applications..., 1861–1934; Civil War and Later Pension Files, Record Group 15, Dept. of Veterans Affairs, National Archives and Records Administration [NARA], Washington, D.C. [image 80 as supplied] [81 is his doctor’s confident assertion that there was nothing wrong with him before]

¹⁰⁴ Solon H. Gould entries, 90th Co., 2nd Battalion (and predecessor units), Veteran Reserve Corps, Combined Military Service Record card, citing Company Muster and Descriptive Roll; NARA.

¹⁰⁵ Solon H. Gould entries, 90th Co., 2nd Battalion (and predecessor units), Veteran Reserve Corps, Combined Military Service Record cards for Nov.–Dec. 1863, Jan.–Feb. 1864, Mar.–Apr. 1864, and May–June 1864. Cards from the Illinois unit and the VRC date his change of status variously as 9 Oct. 1863, 14 Nov. 1863, and 5 Jan. 1864.

¹⁰⁶ Solon H. Gould affidavit, Grayville, Ill., 23 Mar. 1870; Solon H. Gould pension file 743,817 (service of Solon H. Gould, Co. B, 18th Ill. Inf. and Co. 90, Batt. 2, Veteran Reserve Corps), Case Files of Approved Pension Applications..., 1861–1934; Civil War and Later Pension Files, Record Group 15, Dept. of Veterans Affairs, National Archives and Records Administration [NARA], Washington, D.C. [73–74]

taking me.”¹⁰⁷ Wilson, however, remembered “some dispute regarding some kind of disease in [Solon’s] legs. He asserted that it did not injure him in the least and on his assertion was finally mustered in.”¹⁰⁸

Around the same time Wilson characterized Solon as hale and hearty, Dr. L. W. Low of Albion, Edwards County, estimated he was half disabled in 1867 and examining surgeon Dr. John J. Lescher of Mt. Carmel, Wabash County, said one-third disabled in 1871. Dr. Herman Schaefer of Edwards County, the Gould family physician, stated in 1870 that “from his knowledge of said Gould he would have known it if he [Solon] had been afflicted with Varicose veins at the time of his enlistment.”¹⁰⁹

Wilson’s letter lacked the promised medical documentation, and contradicted itself by enthusiastically claiming that Solon was ineligible for a pension both because he had been “diseased” upon mustering in *and* because three years of soldiering had supposedly restored Solon to robust health.

Solon’s claim was rejected 22 April 1869.¹¹⁰ [23 spec. ex.] The following spring Solon wrote requesting reconsideration, saying that during his service in Company B he had “incurred the displeasure of Captain Henry S. Wilson, who swore vengeance against this declarant.” Fearing that the well had been poisoned, Solon asked for another chance to prove his claim.¹¹¹

Years later as pension requirements were relaxed and new depositions were taken, Solon did receive a pension. In 1895, nephew Allyn T. Morgan swore that he had known Solon “personally for 23 years and have worked for him Some nearly every Summer Since 1872. I never knew him when he could do any thing like a days work.”¹¹²

In 1886 Solon was an officer in the Bone Gap Post 224 of the Grand Army of the Republic.¹¹³

¹⁰⁷ James M. McPherson, *Battle Cry of Freedom: The Civil War Era* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1988), 322. Also Solon H. Gould, claimant’s statement, deposition A, 10 Dec. 1890, p. 8 of special examiner’s report; Solon H. Gould pension file 743,817 (service of Solon H. Gould, Co. B, 18th Ill. Inf. and Co. 90, Batt. 2, Veteran Reserve Corps), Case Files of Approved Pension Applications..., 1861–1934; Civil War and Later Pension Files, Record Group 15, Dept. of Veterans Affairs, National Archives and Records Administration [NARA], Washington, D.C. [27]

¹⁰⁸ H. S. Wilson in Shawneetown, Ill., letter to [Commissioner of Pensions] J. H. Barret, Washington D.C.; Solon H. Gould pension file 743,817 (service of Solon H. Gould, Co. B, 18th Ill. Inf. and Co. 90, Batt. 2, Veteran Reserve Corps), Case Files of Approved Pension Applications..., 1861–1934; Civil War and Later Pension Files, Record Group 15, Dept. of Veterans Affairs, National Archives and Records Administration [NARA], Washington, D.C.

¹⁰⁹ Examining Surgeon’s Certificate, Dr. L. W. Low, 4 May 1867; Solon H. Gould pension file 743,817 (service of Solon H. Gould, Co. B, 18th Ill. Inf. and Co. 90, Batt. 2, Veteran Reserve Corps), Case Files of Approved Pension Applications..., 1861–1934; Civil War and Later Pension Files, Record Group 15, Dept. of Veterans Affairs, National Archives and Records Administration [NARA], Washington, D.C. Similarly, Examining Surgeon’s Certificate, Dr. John J. Lescher, 23 Mar. 1871. Similarly, affidavit by Dr. Herman Schaefer, 17 Jan. 1870. [99, 97, 81–2]

¹¹⁰ Special Examiner’s report, p. 23; Solon H. Gould pension file 743,817 (service of Solon H. Gould, Co. B, 18th Ill. Inf. and Co. 90, Batt. 2, Veteran Reserve Corps), Case Files of Approved Pension Applications..., 1861–1934; Civil War and Later Pension Files, Record Group 15, Dept. of Veterans Affairs, National Archives and Records Administration [NARA], Washington, D.C.

¹¹¹ Solon H. Gould affidavit, Grayville, Ill., 23 Mar. 1870; Solon H. Gould pension file 743,817 (service of Solon H. Gould, Co. B, 18th Ill. Inf. and Co. 90, Batt. 2, Veteran Reserve Corps), Case Files of Approved Pension Applications..., 1861–1934; Civil War and Later Pension Files, Record Group 15, Dept. of Veterans Affairs, National Archives and Records Administration [NARA], Washington, D.C. [73–74]

¹¹² Allyn T. Morgan affidavit 26 Jan. 1895; Solon H. Gould pension file 743,817 (service of Solon H. Gould, Co. B, 18th Ill. Inf. and Co. 90, Batt. 2, Veteran Reserve Corps), Case Files of Approved Pension Applications..., 1861–1934; Civil War and Later Pension Files, Record Group 15, Dept. of Veterans Affairs, National Archives and Records Administration [NARA], Washington, D.C. [61]

¹¹³ “The Veteran’s Corner . . . Organized for the New Year,” *The Daily Inter Ocean* (Chicago), Sat. 2 Jan. 1886, p. 16, cols. 5–6.

Land

In 1870 Solon had \$240 in real estate and \$500 in personal property; brother Stephen \$200 in real estate.¹¹⁴ Ten years later Solon's household in Albion included his widowed mother Dorcas, age 72.¹¹⁵ Daughters Edith and Alice were in Solon's household in 1880, 1900, and 1910.¹¹⁶

Solon inherited about 157½ acres from his father Freeman Gould, who died 4 January 1873. Solon and his three brothers also each received one-sixth of Freeman's personal property after debts were paid; mother Dorcas received the remaining third as well as a 2½-acre lot.¹¹⁷

In 1880 Solon's farm of 250 acres was above average (among the ten neighbors on the page) in improved acreage, woodland acreage, and cash value of the farm (\$3750). At \$15 per acre, it was below the county-wide average of \$18.¹¹⁸ Only one neighbor equaled his machinery; his corn crop was a bit above average but yield per acre was among the lowest; his three-acre orchard was the largest.¹¹⁹
TK land transactions check in Albion

Dorcas's will, written 14 October 1882, provided that Solon inherit 40 more acres on the condition that he "shall furnish me with fuel and a sufficient amount of farm produce to feed me, and one servant (or more if sickness shall make it necessary for me to keep more than one servant) and pay me the sum of Sixty-five Dollars per annum during the term of my natural life." She ordered that Solon, as her executor, sell her 2½-acre lot as well as her cow, horse, buggy, harness, and kitchen furniture, dividing the proceeds equally among the other three brothers. TK more info from Albion

But there was more. Dorcas left special instructions for the household books:

It is my will and desire that my sons Calvin C. Charles F. Solon H. and Stephen B. Gould shall severally be entitled to all the books now in the library on which their names are attached to the covers and that the remainder be equally divided between my four sons above named by the appraisers of my Estate.¹²⁰

In the fall of 1887 Solon was "quite sick with his rheumatism."¹²¹ Not all was trouble, though. A family story has it that few years later "Uncle Sol" was walking in the orchard with his young grand-nephew Harold Thrall:

¹¹⁴ Solon H. Gould household, 1870 U.S. census, Albion Pct., Edwards Co., Ill., p. 283, dw. 59, fam. 60. For brother Stephen, Freeman Gould will 12 Sep. 1872 naming him as a son, Edwards Co. Will Record A:14; "Illinois, Wills and Probate Records, 1772–1999" > Edwards > Will records 1815–1922 > image 182 of 649 (ancestry.com).

¹¹⁵ Solon H. Gould household, 1880 U.S. census, Albion Pct., Edwards Co., Ill., ED 7, p. 426C, dw. 589, fam. 600.

¹¹⁶ Solon H. Gould household, 1880 U.S. census, Albion Pct., Edwards Co., Ill., ED 7, p. 426C, dw. 589, fam. 600. Similarly, 1900, Bone Gap village, ED 16, sheet 4B, dw./fam. 74. Similarly, 1910, Bone Gap village, sheet 3B, dw./fam. 77.

¹¹⁷ Freeman Gould will 12 Sep. 1872, Edwards Co. Will Record A:14; "Illinois, Wills and Probate Records, 1772–1999" > Edwards > Will records 1815–1922 > image 182 of 649 (ancestry.com). Solon's inheritance was the N½ NW, Section 18, Twp. 1S, Range 14W less Dorcas's lot, and the E½ NE Section 7. The two eighties are about half a mile apart. Freeman received federal patents 2063, 2343, and 7435 for them in 1838 and 1840 (glorerecords.blm.gov).

¹¹⁸ Charles H. Barnard and John Jones, *Farm Real Estate Values in the United States by Counties, 1850–1982*, Statistical Bulletin #751, Economic Research Service, U.S. Dept. of Agriculture (Washington, D.C.: U.S. Government Printing Office, 1987), Table 1, p. 3 for states, and Table 2, pp. 24–29 for Illinois counties (hathitrust.org).

¹¹⁹ Solon H. Gould farm, 1880 U.S. census, agriculture schedule, Albion Pct., Edwards Co., Ill., p. 37, line 5.

¹²⁰ Dorcas Gould will, Edwards Co. Will Record A:116; "Illinois, Wills and Probate Records, 1772–1999" > Edwards > Will records 1815–1922 > image 284 of 649 (ancestry.com). This time Solon's land was the NW SE Section 7.

¹²¹ Edith Thrall in Bone Gap to Lonnie [Leonidas], letter, Fri. 7 Oct. 1887; in author's possession.

Solon Gould and Margaret Rice were first cousins, sharing grandparents Nathan and TK (TK ACPLGC BOOKS?) Gould. Similarly, Laura (Thrall) Gould daughter of Worthy and Benjamin Franklin Thrall son of Lyman were first cousins, sharing grandparents Eliphas and Mary (Mead) Thrall.

Children of Laura Lucina⁸ (Thrall) and Solon Harper Gould

- 10 i. ALTA ARETA⁹ GOULD (Laura Lucina Thrall⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹) was born 15 September 1865 in Bone Gap, and died 6 June 1957. She married 23 April 1890 EDWARD G. BRITTON.
- [11 The Leighton-Pifer-Gould Connection]
- 12 ii. REV. VIRGIL NATHAN⁹ GOULD (Laura Lucina Thrall⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹) was born 5 August 1868 in Bone Gap, and died 16 November 1959 in Chula Vista, San Diego County, California. He married 11 May 1893 DORA SOPHIA LEIGHTON.
- 13 iii. EDITH EVELYN⁹ GOULD (Laura Lucina Thrall⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹) was born August 1871 at Bone Gap and died 11 November 1960.
iv. ALICE FLORA⁹ GOULD (Laura Lucina Thrall⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹) was born 1 June 1875 and died between 1920 and 1930.

CHAPTER 4. CARRIE THRALL—CHARLES CAMPBELL FAMILY

“The word ‘impossible’ was not in his religious vocabulary”

4. HANNAH CAROLINE “CARRIE”⁸ THRALL (Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹)

Birth: 18 January 1845 or 1846 in Bone Gap, Edwards County

Death: 31 December 1924 in Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana¹²³

Burial: Orange Grove Cemetery, Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana¹²⁴

Spouse: **REV. CHARLES WESLEY CAMPBELL**, married 2 September 1875 in Bone Gap¹²⁵

Spouse’s parents: Silas C. and Phoebe (Young) Campbell¹²⁶

Spouse’s birth: 15 January 1851 in Newport, Vermillion County, Indiana

Spouse’s death: 1 December 1922 at Lake Charles¹²⁷

Spouse’s burial: Orange Grove Cemetery, Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana¹²⁸

In 1860 young Charles and his family were in paradise—Paradise Township, Coles County, that is, about 80 miles southwest of his Newport, Indiana, birthplace. They had \$1700 in real estate and \$900 in personal property.¹²⁹ The farm’s cash value in 1860 was about average compared to the family’s neighbors there; its production of 2000 bushels of “Indian corn” was well above average.¹³⁰ At \$11.33 per acre, it was below the county average that year of \$19.¹³¹

In 1870–71 he was enrolled as a freshman at McKendree, but not the following year.¹³² In 1928 his story was briefly told: “Later he completed a course at Illinois Wesleyan University [in Bloomington] and received the degree of Ph.B. in 1880. He took a graduate course in McKendree and received the degree of Ph.M. in 1898. . . . Mr. Campbell became a member of the Methodist Church while a student at McKendree during the pastorate of Dr. G. W. Hughey at Lebanon. He did not enter

¹²³ Rosalie (Thrall) Carmichael, “Thrall Genealogy” (17-page typescript on onion skin in red binder, by Rosalie Thrall Carmichael although no author is named), 6; in author’s possession, Tub 2, item 34, giving 18 Jan. 1845 and 31 Dec. 1925. These dates are not cited, but the birth date might be from Carrie herself. However, her grave marker says 1846–1924: “Carrie H. Thrall Wife of Rev. C. W. Campbell” grave marker (image), Orange Grove Cemetery, Lk. Charles, Calcasieu Parish, La., memorial #65,266,731 for Carrie H. Thrall Campbell by Melissa Daigle (findagrave.com). The grave marker is correct as to her death date, as she was memorialized in Sep. 1925: “Mrs. C. W. Campbell,” *Minutes of the Seventy-fourth Annual Session, Southern Illinois Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church*, held at Centralia, Clinton Co., Ill., 22–27 Sep. 1925, 180.

¹²⁴ “Rev. C. W. Campbell of the Southern Ill. Conference 1851–1922 Veteran of the cross” grave marker, Orange Grove Cemetery, Lk. Charles, Calcasieu Parish, La., image, memorial #65,266,710 by Melissa Daigle (findagrave.com).

¹²⁵ “Mrs. C. W. Campbell,” *Minutes of the Seventy-fourth Annual Session, Southern Illinois Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church*, held at Centralia, Clinton Co., Ill., 22–27 Sep. 1925, 180.

¹²⁶ Silas Campbell household for apparent wife Phoebe age 46 born Tenn. and apparent son Charles W. age 9 born Ind., 1860 U.S. census, Paradise Twp., Coles Co., Ill., p. 132, dw./fam. 916. For Phoebe’s birth surname, *Centennial McKendree College with St. Clair County History* (Lebanon, Ill.: McKendree College, 1928), 365.

¹²⁷ “Rev. Charles W. Campbell,” *Minutes of the Seventy-second Annual Session, Southern Illinois Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church*, held at Benton, Franklin Co., Ill., 26–30 Sep. 1923, 72–73. The Louisiana Statewide Death Index (1819–1964) has him dying 2 Dec. 1922 (ancestry.com).

¹²⁸ Carrie H. Thrall wife of Rev. C. W. Campbell grave marker, Orange Grove Cemetery, Lk. Charles, Calcasieu Parish, La., image, memorial #65,266,731 for Carrie H. Thrall Campbell by Melissa Daigle (findagrave.com). Her grave marker gives dates 1846–1924, each one year off from other records.

¹²⁹ Silas Campbell household 1860 U.S. census, Paradise Twp., Coles Co., Ill., p. 132, dw./fam. 916. If the children’s ages and birthplaces are accurate, Silas and family left Tennessee in the late 1840s.

¹³⁰ S. C. Campbell, 1860 U.S. agriculture census, Paradise Twp., Coles Co., Ill., p. 35, line 29, compared to the other 38 farms on that page.

¹³¹ Charles H. Barnard and John Jones, *Farm Real Estate Values in the United States by Counties, 1850–1982*, Statistical Bulletin #751, Economic Research Service, U.S. Dept. of Agriculture (Washington, D.C.: U.S. Government Printing Office, 1987), Table 1, p. 3 for states, and Table 2, pp. 24–29 for Illinois counties (hathitrust.org).

¹³² Charles W. Campbell (of Lebanon), p. 7, *The 37th Catalogue of McKendree College 1870–71* (St. Louis: R. P. Studley & Co., 1870), image 215 of 336 (archive.org). Absent from student list, p. 6, *The 38th Catalogue of McKendree College 1871–72* (St. Louis: R. P. Studley & Co., 1871), image 243 of 336 (archive.org). Several years are bound or photographed together starting with 1864–65.

the ministry until some years later. He was a teacher for a number of years. He was principal of the Houston (Tex.) Seminary from 1882 to 1886. Since entering the ministry he has been a member of the Austin, Missouri, Gulf Mission, Arkansas, and Southern Illinois Conferences.”¹³³

Carrie became a Methodist in 1854, and began attending McKendree College in the fall of 1869, when she joined future sister-in-law Edith Flint as a founding member of the women’s Clonian literary society, but withdrew after two years for health reasons.¹³⁴ They married in 1875, and may have gone to Texas soon after, perhaps for Charles’s health. There he became president of the Methodist School for Negroes in Houston, also known as the “Houston Seminary.” She taught there for four years.¹³⁵

By 1880 they were back in Illinois, Charles teaching school in Edwards County; Etta was a “boarder” in their household¹³⁶ (Chapter 14). Carrie taught a month in Yankeetown School there, with many young relatives in the class including Cretie Morgan and Alta Gould.¹³⁷ Carrie returned to McKendree and graduated in 1882.¹³⁸ Charles received his degree from Illinois Wesleyan University during the time that his brother-in-law William Henry Harrison Adams was president of that institution (1875–1888).

His timeline thereafter:

* 1881: licensed to preach in Olney, Richland County, in the Southern Illinois Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

* 1882–86: possibly in Houston? An 1882 family letter said, “Charlie expects to teach either at Alma [?] or Ofallon this winter. I don’t much think they will go south. I know Carrie don’t want to go.”¹³⁹

* 1886: According to a later conference record, Charles was first brought into connection in the Austin Conference.¹⁴⁰

* 1888: Atlanta, Macon County, Missouri.¹⁴¹

¹³³ *Centennial McKendree College with St. Clair County History* (Lebanon, Ill.: McKendree College, 1928), 365.

¹³⁴ “Mrs. C. W. Campbell,” *Minutes of the Seventy-fourth Annual Session, Southern Illinois Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church* (1925), 180. Also, Edith Flint in Lebanon to Lonnie (Leonidas), 12 Apr. 1871, Flint-Thrall letter #3, in author’s possession: “I was disappointed in the news from Carrie. I had so hoped to hear that she was much better.”

¹³⁵ “Mrs. C. W. Campbell,” *Minutes of the Seventy-fourth Annual Session, Southern Illinois Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church* (1925), 180. TK CHECK THIS.

¹³⁶ Charles W. Campbell household, 1880 U.S. census, Albion, Edwards Co., Ill., ED 7, p. 415B, dw. 416, fam. 423.

¹³⁷ “Miscellaneous School Records, Edwards County, Illinois, 1865, 1873–1875, 1878–1880, 1883 and 1888,” Yankeetown month ending 10 Jan. 1880, typescript evidently transcribed from a standard “Schedule of a Common School,” 7–8; copy in author’s possession, likely from Edwards County Historical Society, Albion, Ill.

¹³⁸ *Centennial McKendree College with St. Clair County History* (Lebanon, Ill.: McKendree College, 1928), 279.

¹³⁹ Edith Flint Thrall in Lebanon to Leonidas, letter dated only 1882 (possibly in the fall, as she refers to “this winter” and the potential of cold weather); #21 of the Flint-Thrall letters, in author’s possession.

¹⁴⁰ *Minutes of the Fifty-Fifth Session of the Southern Illinois Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church held at Vandalia, Illinois, September 19-24, 1906* (St. Louis: Press of Perrin & Smith, [1906]), 77.

¹⁴¹ *Minutes of the Missouri Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church held in Hannibal, Missouri, March 28th to April 2nd, 1888* (Kirkville: Journal Printing House, 1888), “Conference Appointments,” 178.

* 1889–90: Novelty, Knox County, Missouri.¹⁴²

* 1891: Kirksville circuit, Adair County, Missouri.¹⁴³

* 1892–93: Glenwood, Schuyler County, Missouri.¹⁴⁴

* 1894–95: Vandalia and Laddonia, Audrain County, Missouri.¹⁴⁵ In July 1895 they spent a few days in East St. Louis, Illinois, and were expected “home” in Lebanon 29 July.¹⁴⁶

* 1896: Green City, Sullivan County, Missouri.¹⁴⁷

* 1897: Hamilton circuit, Caldwell County, Missouri.¹⁴⁸

* 1898–1900: Crowley, Acadia Parish, Louisiana,¹⁴⁹ in the Gulf Mission Conference. In 1900 eight-year-old Leo W. Dodd (born in Louisiana, father born Wisconsin, mother born Louisiana) was in their household as a lodger¹⁵⁰ (Chapter 15). At some point during these eight years in the south, Charles also helped “to organize the work at Houston Heights.”¹⁵¹

* 1901: Welsh, Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana. Charles served as secretary of the conference.¹⁵²

* 1903: Alvin, Brazoria County, Texas. His charge was the “Winnie Circuit.”¹⁵³ Winnie and Alvin are 75 miles apart.

¹⁴² *Minutes of the Missouri Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church held in Cameron, Missouri, March 20th to 25th, 1889* (Kirksville: Journal Printing House, 1889), “Conference Appointments,” 32. Also, *Minutes of the Seventy-Second Session of the Missouri Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church held in Maryville, Missouri, March 12th to 17th, 1889* [sic, 1890] (Hannibal: Standard Printing Co., 1890), “Conference Appointments,” 82.

¹⁴³ *Minutes of the Seventy-Third Session of the Missouri Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church held at Brookfield, Missouri, March 4th to 9th, 1891* (St. Joseph: Posegate Printing and Lithographing, 1891), “Appointments,” 117.

¹⁴⁴ *Minutes of the Seventy-Fourth Session of the Missouri Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church held at Chillicothe, Missouri, March 2 to 7, 1892* (Kirksville: Journal Printing Co., 1892), “Conference Roll,” 199. Also, Edith (Flint) Thrall in Greenville to Edith Laura Thrall, letter postmarked 7 Nov. 1892; #31 of Flint–Thrall letters, in author’s possession. Also, *Minutes of the Seventy-Fifth Session of the Missouri Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church held at Kirksville, Missouri, March 29 to April 3, 1893* (Kirksville: Journal Printing Co., 1893), “Appointments,” 17.

¹⁴⁵ *Minutes of the Seventy-Sixth Session of the Missouri Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church held at Memphis, Missouri, March 28 to April 2, 1894* (Kirksville: Journal Printing Co., 1894), “Appointments,” 64. Also, *Minutes of the Seventy-Seventh Session of the Missouri Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church held at Stanberry, Mo., March 27 to April 1, 1895* (Monroe City: F.L. Link, [1895]), “Appointments,” 110.

¹⁴⁶ Edith Flint Thrall in Lebanon to Edith Laura Thrall, letter 28 July 1895; #47 of Flint–Thrall letters, in author’s possession.

¹⁴⁷ *Minutes of the Seventy-Eighth Session of the Missouri Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church held at Trenton, Missouri, April 1–6, 1896* (Kirksville: Democrat Publishing Co., 1896), “Appointments,” 158.

¹⁴⁸ *Minutes of the Seventy-Ninth Session of the Missouri Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church held at Bethany, Missouri, March 24–29, 1897* (Chillicothe: Johnson & Kiergan, [1897]), “Appointments,” 15.

¹⁴⁹ *Minutes of the Eightieth Session of the Missouri Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church held at Hannibal, Missouri, March 16–21, 1898* (Chillicothe: Johnson & Kiergan, [1898]), 54 (where he was called “supernumerary”) and “Conference Roll,” 76 (where he was reported transferred to Crowley). Also, *Journal of the Second Annual Session of the Gulf Mission Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church held at Crowley, Louisiana, Feb. 3–7, 1898* (Jennings: Times Printing House, 1898), “Appointments,” [3], 9, where he was introduced to the conference. Also, *Journal of the Third Annual Session of the Gulf Mission Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church held in Lake Charles, Louisiana, Feb. 25, 1899* (Jennings: Times Printing House, 1899), “Appointments,” [3]. Also, *Journal of the Fourth Annual Session of the Gulf Mission Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church held in Marshall, Texas, February 1st to 5th, 1900* (Jennings: Record Print, [1900]), “Appointments,” [21].

¹⁵⁰ Charles W. Campbell household, 1900 U.S. census, Crowley, Acadia Parish, La., ED 9, sh. 5B, dw./fam. 88.

¹⁵¹ TK check “Rev. Charles W. Campbell,” *Minutes of the Seventy-second Annual Session, Southern Illinois Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church* (1923), 72–73. BIO? Also, he is placed there TK WHERE EXACTLY? in Mary Elizabeth Thrall Morgan’s obituary, *Albion Journal-Register* (Ill.), Thur. 15 Jan. 1903, p. 3, col. 3 by Rev. G. A. Seed.

¹⁵² *Journal of the Fifth Annual Session of the Gulf Mission Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church held at Jennings, La., Jan. 17 to 21, 1901* (Crowley: Rice Belt News Print, 1901), 2, 5. Several charges were not covered.

¹⁵³ *Journal of the Seventh Annual Session of the Gulf Mission Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church held at Port Arthur, Texas, February 5–9, 1903* (Crowley, La.: Signal Printing Co., 1903), 67, 69.

* 1904: transferred to the Arkansas conference.¹⁵⁴

* 1906–7: Villa Ridge, Pulaski County, Illinois.¹⁵⁵ Here in the Southern Illinois Conference “he spent the remainder of his ministerial life. He organized classes and built churches at Mounds and Christopher. His last work was that of reviving the work at Villa Ridge and restoring it to the list of regular appointments. This he did after he was on the retired list. . . . The word ‘impossible’ was not in his religious vocabulary.”¹⁵⁶

* 1908: Villa Ridge and Mounds, Pulaski County, Illinois.¹⁵⁷ At the 1909 conference, Rev. J. W. McNeill reported that while Charles had “suffered a few weeks affliction,” he deserved much credit: “At Mounds, a rapidly growing town located on the I. C. R. R. [Illinois Central railroad], nine miles north of Cairo, a neat from church building was dedicated by Dr. J. F. Harmon on the fourth Sunday in July. Cost, \$3,000. Rev. C. W. Campbell, the pastor, is entitled to much credit for untiring energy in pushing this enterprise to completion. The building will comfortably accommodate 300 people.”¹⁵⁸

* 1909–10: Johnston City, Williamson County, Illinois. Carrie and Leo F. were also there.¹⁵⁹

* 1910–11: O’Fallon, St. Clair County, Illinois.¹⁶⁰

* 1912: Olive Branch, Alexander County, Illinois.¹⁶¹

In 1916, the Southern Illinois conference listed him as a “retired minister.”¹⁶² He was living in Reevesville, Johnson County, in 1918,¹⁶³ and in 1920 at Villa Ridge, Pulaski County, where his occupation was “beekeeper.”¹⁶⁴

Children (adopted) of Hannah Caroline⁸ (Thrall) and Charles W. Campbell

¹⁵⁴ *Official Journal of the Gulf Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church held at Hughes Springs, Texas, February 4–9, 1904, Twelfth Annual Session* (Louisville, Ky.: Pentecostal Publishing House, [1904]), 108.

¹⁵⁵ *Minutes of the Fifty-Fifth Session of the Southern Illinois Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church held at Vandalia, Illinois, September 19–24, 1906* (St. Louis: Press of Perrin & Smith, [1906]), “Appointments,” 18. Also, *Minutes of the Fifty-Sixth Session of the Southern Illinois Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church held at Mount Carmel, Illinois, from September 18th to 23rd, 1907* (St. Louis: Perrin & Smith, [1907]), “Appointments,” 26.

¹⁵⁶ “Rev. Charles W. Campbell,” *Minutes of the Seventy-second Annual Session, Southern Illinois Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church* (1923), 72–73.

¹⁵⁷ *Minutes of the Fifty-Seventh Session of the Southern Illinois Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church held at McLeansboro, Illinois, September 16–21, 1908* (St. Louis: Perrin & Smith, [1908]), “Appointments,” 28.

¹⁵⁸ *Minutes of the Fifty-Eighth Session of the Southern Illinois Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church held at Centralia, Illinois, September 22–27, 1909* (St. Louis: Perrin & Smith, [1909]), 82, 85.

¹⁵⁹ *Minutes of the Fifty-Eighth Session of the Southern Illinois Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church held at Centralia, Illinois, September 22–27, 1909* (St. Louis: Perrin & Smith, [1909]), “Conference Appointments,” 26. Also, Charles W. Capbell [Campbell] household, 1910 U.S. census, Johnston City, Williamson Co., Ill., ED 165, sh. 23B, dw. 574, fam. 580. Unlike 1900, Leo’s middle initial was F and his parents were born in Ind. and Ill.

¹⁶⁰ *Minutes of the Fifty-Ninth Session of the Southern Illinois Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church held at Olney, Illinois, Sept. 28 to Oct. 3, 1910*, “Conference Appointments,” 25. Also, *Minutes of the Sixtieth Session of the Southern Illinois Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, held at East St. Louis, Illinois, September 20–25, 1911* (Marion, Ill.: Stafford Publishing Co., [1911]), “Conference Appointments,” 23.

¹⁶¹ *Minutes of the Southern Illinois Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church held at Cairo, Illinois, September 25–30, 1912* (Marion: Stafford Print, [1912]), “Conference Appointments,” 23.

¹⁶² *Minutes of the Southern Illinois Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church held at Robinson, Ill., October 4–8, 1916* (Eldorado, Ill.: Zelah J. Farmer, [1916]), “Disciplinary Questions,” 11.

¹⁶³ Rev. J. W. Flint, “Memoir and Reminiscence of the Late L. W. Thrall,” citation TK.

¹⁶⁴ C. W. Campbell household, 1920 U.S. census, Villa Ridge Pct., Pulaski Co., Ill., ED 102, sh. 3A, dw. 60, fam. 61.

- 14 i. ETTA J. ⁹ CAMPBELL (Hannah Caroline Thrall⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹) was born February 1877 in Illinois and died 7 December 1952 in Wichita Falls, Texas. She married 24 January 1900 HARVEY C. MARSHALL.
- 15 ii. LEO F. ⁹ CAMPBELL (Hannah Caroline Thrall⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹) was born 2 April 1892 in Texas or Louisiana, and died 1962 in Union County. He married 21 September 1915 FLEETA M. CANTWELL.

CHAPTER 5. LEONIDAS THRALL–EDITH FLINT–EMILY JONES FAMILY

“The idea suddenly dawned upon me that if it was not a crime to be born a girl it was at least a misfortune.”

5. LEONIDAS WORTHY⁸ THRALL (Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹)

Birth: 21 February 1850 in Bone Gap¹⁶⁵

Death: 21 May 1918 in Du Quoin, Perry County¹⁶⁶

Burial: College Hill Cemetery, Lebanon, St. Clair County¹⁶⁷

Spouse #1: **EDITH MARIE FLINT**, married 29 September 1873¹⁶⁸

Spouse #1 parents: William and Mary (Gedney) Flint¹⁶⁹

Spouse #1 birth: 16 February 1845 near Lebanon, St. Clair County

Spouse #1 death: 10 November 1898 in Lebanon

Spouse #1 burial: College Hill Cemetery, Lebanon¹⁷⁰

Spouse #2: **EMILY MARTHA JONES**, married in Ingraham, Clay County, 27 December 1900

Spouse #2 parents: Robert H. and Emily E. (Hammer) Jones¹⁷¹

Spouse #2 birth: 11 June 1865 in Rose Hill, Jasper County¹⁷²

Spouse #2 death: 8 November 1957 at Methodist Home for the Aged, Quincy, Adams County¹⁷³

Spouse #2 burial: College Hill Cemetery, Lebanon, St. Clair County¹⁷⁴

Edith

Edith “was active in the work of the Woman’s Christian Temperance Union, Womans Foreign Missionary Society, Sunday-school and Epworth League, and exerted a great influence upon every Church with which she was connected. Her gentle wisdom, her sweet humility, and her broad and tender sympathies made her a successful leader in all departments of Church work.”¹⁷⁵ She taught art classes in and around Lebanon. “Her future husband [Leonidas] used to say that he enrolled in the art

¹⁶⁵ 21 Feb. 1850: Leonidas Worthy Thrall grave marker, image, College Hill Cemetery, Lebanon, Ill., memorial #12,068,902 by Alberta Daniels Withrow (findagrave.com). 2 Feb. 1850: “Rev. L. W. Thrall,” *Minutes of the Southern Illinois Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church*, held in Greenville, 2–6 Oct. 1918, pp. 60–62.

¹⁶⁶ “Rev. L. W. Thrall,” *Minutes of the Southern Illinois Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church*, held in Greenville, 2–6 Oct. 1918, pp. 60–62.

¹⁶⁷ Leonidas Worthy Thrall grave marker, image, College Hill Cemetery, Lebanon, Ill., memorial #12,068,902 by Alberta Daniels Withrow (findagrave.com).

¹⁶⁸ “Rev. L. W. Thrall,” *Minutes of the Southern Illinois Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church*, held in Greenville, 2–6 Oct. 1918, pp. 60–62.

¹⁶⁹ TK

¹⁷⁰ Edith Flint Thrall grave marker, image, College Hill Cemetery, Lebanon, Ill., memorial #12,068,897 for Edith Marie Flint Thrall by Alberta Daniels Withrow (findagrave.com).

¹⁷¹ Leonidas Worthy Thrall–Emily M. Jones marr. lic. #956, 18 Dec. 1900, marr. 27 Dec.; Clay Co., Ill., Marriage Record 2:74; FHL 1,008,793, DGS 4,539,325, image 372 of 601. Rev. John W. Flint presided; witnesses were Gertrude Gerking and Cameron Harmon. For Emily’s middle name, Clay Co., Ill., Marriage Record G (1896–1905):285; FHL 1,008,796, DGS 4,539,328, image 178 of 678.

¹⁷² For exact date, TK. For June 1865, Robert H. Jones household for daughter Emily M. age 35, 1900 U.S. census, Pixley Twp., Clay Co., Ill., sheet 5A, dw. 100, fam. 101. For place of birth, Leonidas Worthy Thrall–Emily M. Jones marr. lic. #956, 18 Dec. 1900, marr. 27 Dec.; Clay Co., Ill., Marriage Record 2:74; FHL 1,008,793, DGS 4,539,325, image 372 of 601.

¹⁷³ “Emily Jones Thrall,” *The Pantagraph* (Bloomington, Ill.), Sat. 9 Nov. 1957, p. 6, col. 8.

¹⁷⁴ Emily Jones Thrall grave marker, image, College Hill Cemetery, Lebanon, Ill., memorial 12,068,899 by Alberta Daniel Withrow (findagrave.com).

¹⁷⁵ “Mrs. Edith Flint Thrall,” *Minutes of the 48th Session of the Southern Illinois Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church*, held in Mt. Carmel, 27 Sep.–2 Oct., 1899, 38–39.

class for the sole purpose of getting to know the teacher better.”¹⁷⁶ The story is told that as a child her night-time reading was rationed by the candle she had.

She graduated from McKendree in the class of 1870, receiving the degree of B.S., and in 1873, M.S. She was one of the founders of the Clionian Literary Society and was the first woman to graduate from McKendree as a regular student”¹⁷⁷ as opposed to by examination.

In an undated letter from the early 1870s Edith counted the cost of marrying a Methodist minister:

The trials you bade me look at I have reviewed and now will set them in order before me just as they present themselves to me. A life of voluntary renunciation of all the vanities of riches when wealth is the end and aim of life for many. A way farer’s tent and friends of brief acquaintance[,] ties made and broken until the heart’s love for friends is scattered among hundreds instead of concentrated on few—all this when with many the associations that cling around one spot of earth, one round of familiar faces, seem the one thing dear next to life. All this—and this is all.¹⁷⁸

She also wrote to Leonidas about women’s suffrage a few months before they married:

I am not ultra, but on the question of social and legal equality between man and woman I am radical and have been since my tenth year. At that time a scene was enacted in which I as an actor was made to take the place McChamberlain spoke of when he said the sister was compelled to give in to her brother because he was a boy and she only a girl. For the first time in my life the idea suddenly dawned upon me that if it was not a crime to be born a girl it was at least a misfortune. I do not imagine that the ballot is a panacea for all of wrongs or of evils. How can I when I see those who enjoy the privilege often wronged and cruelly oppressed. . . . Like yourself I consider the matter fated to succeed and I also agree with you in thinking that in God’s good time it will be settled and that in the best way. As for Miss Anthony, we need a ‘John Brown’ perhaps and I guess the country can spare her as well as any other unless it be Woodhull/Clafin.”¹⁷⁹

They did marry, and in December 1878 Edith wrote to sister Mary, describing their daily domestic round in Kansas:

We manage to do our own work except the washing and ironing. I guess you laugh at my saying ‘we.’ Well I can assure you Lonnie does a great deal. When we get up he makes a fire and then gets breakfast while I dress the children [Edith Laura and Victor] and get them washed and ready for breakfast. We usually make coffee and fry meat and I keep light bread on hand. This makes a very comfortable breakfast. Then while I wash the dishes he makes a fire in the sitting room and sweeps the floor. Then we have prayers and I set the bedroom in order, while he goes to his studies till two oclock when he goes

¹⁷⁶ Rosalie (Thrall) Carmichael, “Thrall Genealogy” (17-page typescript on onion skin in red binder, by Rosalie Thrall Carmichael although no author is named), 6; in author’s possession, Tub 2, item 34.

¹⁷⁷ *Centennial McKendree College with St. Clair County History* (Lebanon, Ill.: McKendree College, 1928), 213.

¹⁷⁸ Edith Marie Flint to Leonidas W. Thrall, letter, undated but clearly prior to marriage so early 1870s; in author’s possession.

¹⁷⁹ Edith M. Flint in Lebanon to Leonidas W. Thrall, letter, 10 July 1873; in author’s possession. Victoria Clafin Woodhull was a feminist who ran for President in 1872: see “Victoria Woodhull,” *Wikipedia* (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Victoria_Woodhull) and the references cited therein.

out to visit the people. Now you see how we manage to do without a girl. Our washing is done away from home and by a first-class laundress.”¹⁸⁰

Edith rarely described her health struggles, but in the fall of 1894 she visited Muncie, Indiana, where the locals were burning a seemingly inexhaustible supply of natural gas for heat:

I had a cold when I went to Muncie and the first house I went to they burned the natural gas without any stove pipes. A stove stood within two feet of my bed and a fire burned in it all night. It inflamed my lungs and Wed. night I had to go to a doctor. He relieved me but said I must not go back to the open stove. I thought then that I would have to go right home but Mrs. Hypes came to the rescue and took me home with her. I staid there until eight o clock Fri night. A few minutes after nine that night we started home and traveled all night. I did not sleep any and took fresh cold so I got home pretty badly under the weather. Nelly was sick nd I had to walk home from the depot. Papa [Leonidas] was gone and oh dear there was so much to do and I was so poorly. I had not eaten as much as one good meal for four days and my appetite did not return for several days . . . Have done no ironing for two weeks until today. Willie tried to hard to cook something I could eat and he got up some nice meals but you know how it is.¹⁸¹

After graduating Edith helped preserve the institutional memory of Clio (of which she was the first president) in a paper for an 1888 reunion, where she mentioned Thecla Bernays (who did not graduate but received an honorary degree in 1902) and Elizabeth Holding, a graduate who was first a foreign missionary and later active in the Deaconess Home in Chicago.¹⁸²

Edith corresponded with Leonidas when he attended the general conference in Cleveland in 1896:

We heard something about the little breeze [dispute?] in regard Y.P.S.C.E. It seems there are some men in the conference who grow excited over trifles. You know when a vessel is full it runs over whether it holds a hogshhead or a gill.¹⁸³

Edith’s intermittent weakness and sickness did not prevent her from accompanying Leonidas to Toronto in the summer of 1897.¹⁸⁴ She wrote to son Will about the family’s 1898 Fourth of July in Lebanon—also her last, as it turned out:

Early in the day Faith Watts came over to see if we did not want to go into partnership with them in making ice cream. That suited very well and soon after Mand Watts Bust came to see if we were fixed so we could go over and put our provisions with theirs and have a picnic dinner in their yard. We called the roll at the cupboard door and concluded to join forces. They had a chicken and we had a beef steak. I made some *sataned* eggs (as Victor called them) and Edie mashed some potatoes. I sent Mand two cans of oysters and she made some oyster salad and also salmon salad. We had a dish of lemon cake and Mr. Watts bought some sponge cake. After a while he came in and announced to the family

¹⁸⁰ Edith Marie (Flint) Thrall to Mary (very probably sister Mary [Flint] Nelson), letter from Columbus, Kan., 20 Dec. 1878; in author’s possession, tub 3, file 98. It should be noted that in this time and place laundry involved major physical labor.

¹⁸¹ Edith Flint Thrall in Salem to Edith Laura Thrall in Lebanon, 22 Oct. 1894, Flint–Thrall letter #41B, in author’s possession.

¹⁸² *Centennial McKendree College with St. Clair County History* (Lebanon, Ill.: McKendree College, 1928), 316.

¹⁸³ Edith Flint Thrall in Lebanon to Leonidas W. Thrall at Hawley House in Cleveland, 15 May 1896, Flint–Thrall letter #54, in author’s possession.

¹⁸⁴ Edith Flint Thrall in Toronto, postcard to “Children” in Lebanon, 17 July 1897, Flint–Thrall letter #60, in author’s possession.

that he had invited [McKendree] Pres. Chamberlain's folks and Bro Leoy and his two daughters. Then I saw Prof. Walton coming slowly along the street looking lonely so we invited him and we had a very pleasant crowd.¹⁸⁵

Edith was long a sufferer from asthma; the birth of her third child nearly killed her; she died at the age of 53. Letters written a decade later by her youngest and oldest sons reflect the power of her mind and convictions and their sense of a profound loss. Harold was a student in Chicago visiting friends when he remembered:

It was just twenty three years since my eyes first opened upon the world. I also remembered that it was just ten years since Mama was taken away from us and I tho't what those ten years might have meant to us if God had seen fit to spare her to us; He knows best and I know that she is happy now. If I did not know that it would be a much harder thing for me to understand why she should have been taken away from us so soon.¹⁸⁶

Victor, then pastor at Lebanon, recalled the family's sojourn there in the 1890s:

I have many memories that different places bring to my mind when I am out in town. So often I pass the house where mamma died and many times I live over her last days and long for her. What would it mean for her to visit us here in the parsonage? The cemetery has filled up far beyond her grave. I like the spot. I think we have a choice lot there. I have been out a number of times. Nine years from the day she left us I buried a Mrs. Whitaker on a lot just east of where we laid Mamma. It was cold and cloudy, within & without.¹⁸⁷

Emily

"Dr. Thrall's second wife, Emily Jones Thrall, was a fine looking woman with a wonderful store of humorous and entertaining stories. She was a graduate trained nurse. Her husband was fond of saying that his first wife was the first woman graduate of McKendree College and his second wife was the first trained nurse in Illinois. She took her training in Bethlehem, Penna. And wore a large round nurse's pin. This training was very useful caring for a diabetic husband and helping at the births of grandchildren."¹⁸⁸

Emily attended school through the 8th grade.¹⁸⁹ In 1900 she was 35, not yet married, and living in her father Robert's household in Pixley, Clay County, as a trained nurse. His occupation was recorded as "invalid," and a second trained nurse, listed as "visitor," was also present.¹⁹⁰ After she became a widow [1918], she was the nurse at Jennings Seminary in Aurora, Illinois.¹⁹¹

¹⁸⁵ Edith (Flint) Thrall in Lebanon to William F. Thrall in Vincennes, Ind., 6 July 1898; in author's possession. This was her last Fourth.

¹⁸⁶ Harold L. Thrall in Chicago to an unknown family member, letter about Nov. 1908; in author's possession, tub 13, binder 325.

¹⁸⁷ Victor W. Thrall in Lebanon, Ill., to Edith L. Thrall in Aurora, letter 18 Feb. 1908; in author's possession, tub 13, binder 325.

¹⁸⁸ Rosalie (Thrall) Carmichael, "Thrall Genealogy" (17-page typescript on onion skin in red binder, by Rosalie Thrall Carmichael although no author is named), 6; in author's possession, Tub 2, item 34.

¹⁸⁹ D. S. Cover household for mother-in-law Emily M. Thrall, 1940 U.S. census, Tunnel Hill Twp., Johnson Co., Ill., ED 44-14, sh. 11B, dw. 210.

¹⁹⁰ Robert H. Jones household, 1900 U.S. census, Pixley Twp., Clay Co., Ill., sheet 5A, dw. 100, fam. 101.

¹⁹¹ Rosalie (Thrall) Carmichael, "Thrall Genealogy" (17-page typescript on onion skin in red binder, by Rosalie Thrall Carmichael although no author is named), 6; in author's possession, Tub 2, item 34.

Known affectionately as “Grandma Thrall,” Emily was also a pioneer; she “entered the nursing profession when it was still frowned upon for the girl with a gentle upbringing.” She also served for a number of years as “superintendent of nurses at the Quincy home [Methodist Home for the Aged] where she spent the last 12 years of her life as a resident.”¹⁹²

In 1926 she visited her sister, Mrs. George Gerking (formerly Kate Jones), in Lebanon,¹⁹³ and stepson Harold Thrall and family in Mansfield, Piatt County.¹⁹⁴ In 1935 she was with her niece Gertrude (Gerking) Thrall and stepson/nephew-in-law Rev. Charles Thrall at 126 Barker Avenue in Peoria, Peoria County, where he was pastor at St. John’s Methodist.¹⁹⁵ Before going to Quincy in 1945 or 1946 she again lived with Charles and Gertrude¹⁹⁶ at 1101 Fell Avenue in Bloomington, McLean County.¹⁹⁷

Leonidas

Leonidas may have owed his given name to Leonidas Hamline, the man who was Methodist pastor in Granville around the time Worthy and Hannah were courting and marrying—and who made a considerable impression on his first cousin Sarah Ann Cooper (daughter of Caroline [Thrall] Cooper).¹⁹⁸

Leonidas’s father died before Leonidas was two years old; he grew up a poor farm boy in southeastern Illinois. Uncle Oliver visited; mother Hannah took in weaving to support herself and the children. She wove cloth for a “suit of jeans” she made, which Leonidas wore to Northwestern University’s academy. According to granddaughter Polly (Edith Flint [Thrall] Mooers), her father Victor quoted his father Leonidas as saying it was his ambition to make life easier for his mother (Hannah) so that she would not have to work such long hours at her weaving.¹⁹⁹

At age 19 he came home “& put in corn crop & hired out to neighbors & sold corn in field.”²⁰⁰ With her and his sisters’ support, Leonidas developed his gift for reasoned oratory, attended first the academy and then McKendree College, graduating in three years and receiving a master’s degree in 1875. “While a student his unusual scholarship and brilliant oratory attracted much attention and gave no uncertain promise of the great pulpit and platform ability which so strongly marked his entire Conference career. He was frequently in demand for baccalaureate sermons and class day addresses, in which kind of work he peculiarly excelled.”²⁰¹

¹⁹² “Emily Jones Thrall,” *The Pantagraph* (Bloomington, Ill.), Sat. 9 Nov. 1957, p. 6, col. 8.

¹⁹³ “Lebanon,” *News-Democrat* (Belleville, Ill.), Thur. 13 May 1926, p. 8, col. 5.

¹⁹⁴ “Live News of Central Illinois Towns,” *The Daily Pantagraph* (Bloomington, Ill.), Sat. 6 Sep. 1924, p. 12, col. 3.

¹⁹⁵ Emma [Emily] J. Thrall entry, *Polk’s Peoria City Directory 1935* (Peoria, Ill.: R.L. Polk & Co., 1935), p. 579, image 280 of 466 (ancestry.com, which labeled the 1935 directory as 1933 and the 1933 directory as 1935). No related Thralls were in Peoria in 1933.

¹⁹⁶ “Emily Jones Thrall,” *The Pantagraph* (Bloomington, Ill.), Sat. 9 Nov. 1957, p. 6, col. 8.

¹⁹⁷ Emily J. Thrall entry, *Polk’s Bloomington (McLean County, Ill.) City Directory 1946* (St. Louis, Mo.: R. L. Polk & Co., 1946), p. 357, image 178 of 331 (ancestry.com). Her 1957 obituary placed her departure for Quincy in 1945.

¹⁹⁸ TK if it can be found (possibly on line) in connection with the Cooper family

¹⁹⁹ Rosalie (Thrall) Carmichael, “Thrall Genealogy” (17-page typescript on onion skin in red binder, by Rosalie Thrall Carmichael although no author is named), 3; in author’s possession, Tub 2, item 34.

²⁰⁰ Handwritten note by son Harold L. Thrall, in author’s possession TK.

²⁰¹ “Rev. L. W. Thrall,” *Minutes of the Southern Illinois Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church*, Greenville, Ill., 2–6 Oct. 1918, p. 60.

It was not all hard labor. Classmate W. A. Kelsoe told of dropping by Leonidas's room "on my way to some of Prof. Swahlen's Greek classes. If I didn't know the lessons, Thrall did, and he had been taught to help the needy."²⁰²

According to both his McKendree biography and family tradition, "before his graduation he taught a school for colored children at Lebanon."²⁰³ Apparently he established the school and taught freedmen to read and write. One of their sons protected Charles Thrall from a threshing-crew bully a generation later.²⁰⁴ Leonidas's graduation oration was on "the Negro's place in American life."²⁰⁵

Leonidas wrote to his future wife, perhaps in 1873:

Whisky was "all the go" on the train last night. The train was loaded with Dutchmen returning from the Singerfest. Nearly everyone in my car had a bottle which he occasionally drew, sipped, and handed to his neighbor. When my turn would come I had "thanks" for them. I will not touch it, for I see hell in it. An old lady sat near me who, when the train stopped for supper, unrolled from a paper a piece of bread which the remains of her teeth were just sufficient to enable her to masticate. God bless her came involuntarily to my lips. While I have been writing the above in the store here a drunken man assaulted me and cursing me of being a Catholic Joe. He said he "knew 'em by kind o' insight." I paid little attention to him and at last he has left me.²⁰⁶

In October 1872 he was admitted "on trial" to the Southern Illinois Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church.²⁰⁷ His early pastorates were at Liberty, White County (1872), and Freeburg, St. Clair County (1873). On 27 September 1874 he was ordained as a deacon, admitted to "full connection,"²⁰⁸ and sent to Pinckneyville, Perry County (1874–75).²⁰⁹ In 1876 he was ordained an elder. That fall he was transferred to the South Kansas Conference, "having been elected president of Hartford Collegiate Institute at Hartford, Lyon County, Kansas."²¹⁰ Dividing his time between preaching and teaching, he was "very active in the exciting campaign in that State which resulted in constitutional prohibition in 1890."²¹¹ He also served churches at Hartford, Columbus (Cherokee County), and Independence (Montgomery County) in the southeastern part of the state.²¹²

Returning to Illinois, he was stationed at:

* Ashley, Washington County (1879–82).

²⁰² ? TK from obit?

²⁰³ *Centennial McKendree College with St. Clair County History* (Lebanon, Ill.: McKendree College, 1928), 225.

²⁰⁴ TK EST's account.

²⁰⁵ TK HLT's note

²⁰⁶ Leonidas W. Thrall in Olney to Edith M. Flint, letter, perhaps 1873; in author's possession.

²⁰⁷ *Journal and Minutes of the Twenty-First Session of the Southern Illinois Conference* [Methodist Episcopal Church], Mt. Vernon, Ill., 2–7 Oct. 1872 (St. Louis: R. P. Studley Co., 1872), 21.

²⁰⁸ *Journal and Minutes of the Twenty-Third Session of the Southern Illinois Conference* [Methodist Episcopal Church], Mt. Carmel, Ill., 23–26 Sep. 1874 (St. Louis: Barns & Beynon, [1874?]), 138, 150.

²⁰⁹ *Journal and Minutes of the Twenty-Third Session of the Southern Illinois Conference* [Methodist Episcopal Church], Mt. Carmel, Ill., 23–26 Sep. 1874 (St. Louis: Barns & Beynon, [1874?]), 138, 150.

²¹⁰ "Rev. L. W. Thrall," *Minutes of the Southern Illinois Annual Conference* [Methodist Episcopal Church], Greenville, Ill., 2–6 Oct. 1918, pp. 60–62.

²¹¹ TK McKendree book?

²¹² TK

* Grayville, White County (1882–83). Here Edith’s earlier musings on Methodist ministers’ never staying long in one place came home: Toddler Will “kept begging to go back to Ashley saying with his sobs, “Take Lilly home.””²¹³

* Metropolis, Massac County (1884–86), where the parsonage had an upstairs for the first time. “The boys played in the big yard but sometimes they quarreled as boys will. Father divided the yard into fourths and each had his own little corner to play in. That settled things for a while.”²¹⁴

* Salem, Marion County (1887–88). Leonidas and Edith carried on a lengthy discussion, by letter, as to the needed purchases (maybe a rug, not a wood stove) and furnishing of the parsonage in the fall of 1887.²¹⁵ In Salem “Will became greatly interested with a picture puzzle of the United States. We had one that had each state made into a separate piece. Will became so skillful with it that he could put it together blindfolded. It was there too that . . . he learned the population of most of the large cities and could give them so glibly that we were all amused. He was always high strung and had to go to the bottom or to the very end to finish anything. My father was especially interested in that mental trait and often spoke of it.”²¹⁶

* Greenville, Bond County (1889–93). “We had a family in the church named Murdock. One time Mother was out in the yard helping dig up burdocks. A caller came and Will told the caller that mother was out in the yard digging up the murdocks.”²¹⁷

* Vandalia District presiding elder (1893–98),

* Lebanon, St. Clair County (1899–1903),

* Flora, Clay County (1903–12),

* Harrisburg, Saline County (1912–16), and

* DuQuoin, Perry County (1916–18), where “while suffering under great physical afflictions”—mainly diabetes, for which there was little help—“he still continued to do the whole work of a Methodist preacher, many times preaching from his chair when unable to stand in the pulpit.”²¹⁸

A McKendree trustee for more than 30 years, he was elected to the Methodist General Conference in 1896 (Cleveland) and 1900 (Chicago).²¹⁹ The McKendree College board wrote in memory of his thirty years of service there:

²¹³ Edith Laura Thrall, “Will’s Childhood,” typescript of family memories written probably shortly after his death 15 Oct. 1941 and certainly prior to hers 14 June 1950.

²¹⁴ Edith Laura Thrall, “Will’s Childhood,” typescript of family memories written probably shortly after his death 15 Oct. 1941 and certainly prior to hers 14 June 1950.

²¹⁵ Edith Thrall in Bone Gap to Lonnie [Leonidas], letter, Fri. 7 Oct. 1887; in author’s possession.

²¹⁶ Edith Laura Thrall, “Will’s Childhood,” typescript of family memories written probably shortly after his death 15 Oct. 1941 and certainly prior to hers 14 June 1950.

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He was clear in thought, constant in devotion and active and self-sacrificing in service. . . . he keenly felt the need of high standards for its student attainment. He was therefore an advocate of recognized standards, and the fact that we now have a favorable rating with standardizing agencies, is in no small sense due to his influence on this board.²²⁰

His baccalaureate sermon at Harrisburg 30 May 1915 looked forward optimistically to the twentieth century:

Let us continue to hope and pray that the present wicked and needless war [World War I] shall prove to be, as has been predicted, 'the twilight of the kings.' Let us pray that it may be followed by the awakening and renaissance We may expect to see the morning glow of a Federation of Nations, the international policing of all lands and all seas, the final enthronement of peaceable arbitration as a substitute for the sword.²²¹

Ten years after Leonidas's death, in June 1928 many family members converged in Lebanon, St. Clair County, for the McKendree College commencement and a family reunion:

* from Aurora, Kane County, Deaconess Edith Thrall (Chapter 16);

* from Albion, Calhoun County, Michigan, Rev. Victor W. Thrall, wife Carrie, and children Victor Jr. and Evelyn (Chapter 17);

* from Quincy, Adams County, Rev. Charles H. Thrall, wife Gertrude, son Robert, and mother-in-law Kate Gerking (Chapter 19);

* from Newman, Douglas County, Rev. Harold L. Thrall, wife Elizabeth, and children Elizabeth, Miriam, and Harold J. (Chapter 20);

* from Tunnel Hill, Johnson County, Mrs. David Cover (Mary Virginia), sons Billie and Leon, and mother Emily Thrall (Chapter 21); and

* from Reading, Hillsdale County, Michigan, Rev. Charles Mooers and wife Edith (Chapter 17).²²²

The four brothers all married college graduates who were older than they were. Three of the brothers became Methodist ministers; the fourth married a Methodist minister's daughter.

Children of Leonidas Worthy⁸ and Edith Marie (Flint) Thrall

- 16 i. EDITH LAURA⁹ THRALL (Leonidas Worthy⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹) was born 1 July 1874 in Freeburg, St. Clair County, and died 14 June 1950 in Galva, Henry County.

²²⁰ "In Memory of Dr. L. W. Thrall," McKendree College Joint Board of Trustees, 7 June 1918. Copy in author's possession.

²²¹ "The True Aristocracy," delivered 30 May 1915, published in the *Harrisburg Chronicle*. TK

²²² "Many Attend Commencement at Lebanon," *Belleville Daily News-Dispatch* (Ill.), p. 7, col. 4., Thur. 21 June 1928.

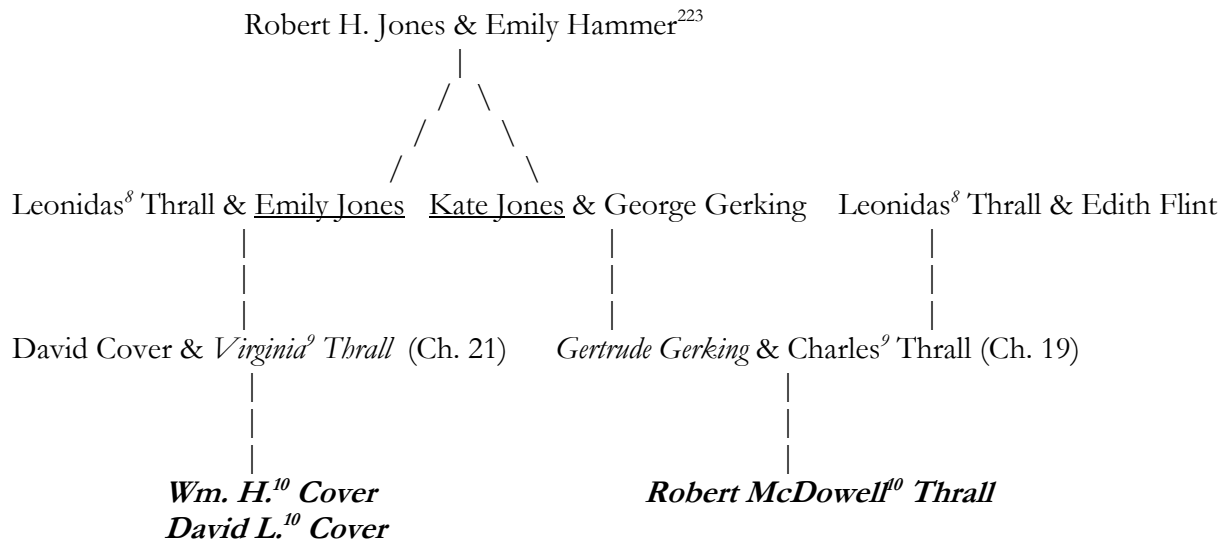
- 17 ii. VICTOR WORTHY⁹ THRALL (Leonidas Worthy⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹) was born 19 April 1877 in Hartford, Lyon County, Kansas; and died 21 August 1963 in Knoxville, Knox County, Tennessee. He married 25 December 1903 CARRIE FRANCES JONES.
- 18 iii. WILLIAM FLINT⁹ THRALL (Leonidas Worthy⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹) was born 15 December 1880 in Ashley, Washington County, and died 15 October 1941 in Chapel Hill, Madison County, North Carolina. He married 6 January 1906 ENOLA LOUDICY KEISLING.
- 19 iv. CHARLES HAVEN⁹ THRALL (Leonidas Worthy⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹) was born 20 October 1883 in Grayville, White County, and died 18 January 1968, Pontiac, Livingston County. He married 27 August 1907 GERTRUDE GERKING.
- 20 v. HAROLD LEONIDAS⁹ THRALL (Leonidas Worthy⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹) was born 13 November 1885 in Metropolis, Massac County, and died in Galva 8 April 1966. He married 9 May 1911 ELIZABETH SCHRIBER.

Child of Leonidas Worthy⁸ and Emily (Jones) Thrall:

- 21 vi. MARY VIRGINIA⁹ THRALL (Leonidas Worthy⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹) was born 17 March 1902 in Lebanon, St. Clair County, and died 9 March 1970 in Metropolis, Massac County. She married 31 July 1922 DAVID COVER.

Allied families Jones and Thrall

Emily and Kate Jones were sisters. Emily married in 1900 as his second wife Leonidas Thrall. Seven years later Leonidas's son Charles married Kate's daughter. As a result Leonidas's second wife was also his son's mother-in-law's sister; Charles's stepmother was also his wife's aunt; Charles's half-sister Virginia was his wife's first cousin; Charles's father was his wife's uncle by marriage; and Charles's wife and his half-sister were first cousins, sharing a pair of grandparents.



Underline = siblings

Italics = 1st cousins

Bold italics = half 1st cousins on the Thrall side, 2nd cousins on the Jones side

²²³ George W. Gerking–Kate Jones marr. #529, Ingraham, Clay Co., Ill., 17 Oct. 1880, Register of Marriages 1(1878–1895):41, naming her parents Robert H. Jones and Emily Hammer; FHL 1,008,793, DGS 4,539,325, image 89 of 601 (familysearch.org).

NINTH GENERATION (1852–1979, presidents Fillmore to Carter)

CHAPTER 6. MILTON MORGAN—CLEMENTINE CLARK—AMANDA TEACHOUT FAMILY

“One of the old Edwards County boys who stood true”

6. MILTON WORTHY⁹ MORGAN (Mary Elizabeth Thrall⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John^{4,3}, Timothy², William¹)

Birth: 12 December 1852 in Edwards County

Death: 30 September 1899 in Edwards County

Burial: Bone Gap Cemetery, Edwards County²²⁴

Spouse #1: **CLEMENTINE CLARK**, married in Edwards County 5 January 1871²²⁵

Spouse #1's parents: perhaps Robert and Mary [(?–)] Clark²²⁶

Spouse #1's birth: about 1849 in Indiana

Spouse #1's death: 1875–80,²²⁷ possibly in Columbus, Platte County, Nebraska²²⁸

Spouse #2: **AMANDA MARIE TEACHOUT**, married 14 May 1882 in Antelope County, Nebraska²²⁹

Spouse #2's parents: William and Ruth Ann (Marr) (Bisbee) Teachout

Spouse #2 birth: 17 September 1863²³⁰ in Michigan (possibly in Bethel/Ovid, Branch County)

Spouse #2 death: 1946 (possibly 2 December) in Los Angeles

Spouse #2 burial: Whittier, Los Angeles County, California²³¹

Milton

Milton reportedly moved from Bone Gap to Madison County, Nebraska in 1875, the year when his son Edgar was born and possibly the year when his first wife Clementine died. His obituary

²²⁴ Milton W. Morgan grave marker, Bone Gap Cemetery, Bone Gap, Ill., image, memorial 42,652,807 for Milton Worthy Morgan by David Kaspareit (findagrave.com). Memorial includes a photo said to be of him. Also, “M. W. Morgan,” obituary by “S. A. McL,” clipped from an unidentified and undated newspaper, likely Albion, in author’s possession. Author’s visit, 24–25 May 2001. Age at death 46 years 9 months 18 days, consistent with the dates given.

²²⁵ Milton W. Morgan–Clementine Clark marriage #146, 5 Jan. 1871, Edwards Co., Ill., Marriage Record D:30 (1869–1915); “Illinois, County Marriages, 1810–1940” > FHL 1,401,779, DGS TK > image 595 of 787 (familysearch.org).

²²⁶ Robert Clark (age 43) household for apparent wife Mary (age 34) and apparent daughter Clementine (age 11), 1860 U.S. census, Marion Twp., Decatur Co., Ind., p. 189, dw./fam. 1404, but that family is not close to Edwards Co., Ill. There is also a Robert Clark who married Mary F. Britton in White Co., Ill., 12 March 1844 (White Co. marriages, p. 156; “Illinois County Marriages, 1810–1940” > FHL 977,068, DGS 5,204,400 > image 144 of 573) but their Clementine may have married someone else.

²²⁷ TK

²²⁸ “Ancestors of Addie Claudia Morgan,” family tree, by Carol Ann Lyle, 11 June 1997; copy in author’s possession. The tree was sourced but the sources have become separated from it.

²²⁹ Amanda Isachant [Teachout]–M. W. Morgan marriage application 12 May 1882 and certificate #98, 14 May 1882, Marriage Record Antelope Co., Neb., p. 179; “Nebraska, Marriage Records 1855–1908” > Antelope > 1876–1888 > image 512 of 1036. The form was incompletely filled out; E. M. Blackford officiated. She was said to be age 20, he 29, both residents of (adjacent) Madison County.

²³⁰ “Application of Children to complete claim of soldier and his deceased widow, their mother,” and notes on jacket of minors’ pension file 746,961, within Ruth A. Teachout pension file 248,399 (service of William F. Teachout, Co. L, 5th Mich. Cav.), Case Files of Approved Pension Applications..., 1861–1934; Civil War and Later Pension Files, Record Group 15, Dept. of Veterans Affairs, National Archives and Records Administration [NARA], Washington, D.C. [1:2:5 and 2:92,94]

²³¹ For possible exact birth date and place, Amanda M. Morgan grave marker, Rose Hills Memorial Park, Whittier, Los Angeles Co., Cal. (Myrtle Lane, Sec. 3, Lot 1338, Ent. Gate 14), image, memorial 117,529,913 for Amanda Marie Teachout Morgan by Stuart Strout Woodside Skolfield (ancestry.com).

mentions neither of his wives and none of his children.²³² He and his wife (not named in the grantor index) sold two parcels of Edwards County land in the fall of 1875.²³³

Young Edgar was with his grandmother in Bone Gap in 1880.²³⁴ He was not present in Milton and second wife Amanda's household in 1885, when Milton was teaching school and living in Bennett village, Jefferson precinct, Madison County, Nebraska, with Amanda (age 21) and daughter Myrtle (age 1).²³⁵ Milton was apparently in Bennett in March 1884 when he wrote an undated letter on behalf of Amanda's mother, "Mrs. Anna Teachout," who was in "very destitute Circumstances."²³⁶ In 1885 in Dry Creek, Nebraska (close to if not within Madison County), he was one of the signing witnesses when Anna gave her power of attorney to George E. Lemon.²³⁷

Although it is nearly certain that Milton grew up a religious household, he reportedly first joined "the Christian church" at age 29 (about 1882) in Madison, Madison County, Nebraska;²³⁸ it's not clear which denomination was meant. Milton W. Morgan "et al." sold 40 acres in Edwards County, Illinois, to Randle Rude 17 August 1882 for \$1187.50; where he was at the time has not yet been determined.²³⁹ TK ALBION

On 3 June 1892 Milton wrote another letter from Tilden, Nebraska, on behalf of his mother-in-law ("surely a needy and deserving case") to Green Berry Raum, who distinguished himself in the Civil War, served a term in Congress from southeastern Illinois 1867–69, and was pension commissioner 1889–93 under President Benjamin Harrison. Milton identified himself as "one of the old Edwards County boys who stood true to you in three campaigns for congress."²⁴⁰ Later in 1892 the family reportedly moved to Pilger, Stanton County, Nebraska (immediately east of Madison County), where he is said to have joined the Methodist Church and the M.W.A. (probably the fraternal group Modern Woodmen of America).²⁴¹ They were still there in 1895.²⁴²

²³² "M. W. Morgan," obituary by "S. A. McL," clipped from an unidentified and undated newspaper, likely Albion, in author's possession.

²³³ Milton W. Morgan and wife to George W. Shannon, Edwards Co., Ill., 27 Sep. 1875, rec. 20 Oct., W:62 for \$450 (E ½ SE ¼ NW ¼ less one acre, Sec. 9, Twp. 1S, Range 14W); Grantor Index D–Z, FHL 1,401,783, DGS 8,117,694, image 327 of 726. Similarly, to John H. Clark 16 Oct. 1875, rec. 23 Oct., V:611 for \$100 (1 acre in E ½ SW ¼ NW ¼ in Sec. 7, Twp. 1S, Range 14W).

²³⁴ Elizabeth Morgan household for "son" [grandson] Edgar age 4, 1880 U.S. census, Albion, Edwards Co., Ill., ED 7, p. 424D, dw. 565, fam. 574.

²³⁵ M. W. Morgan household for Amanda age 21 and Myrtle age 1, 1885 Nebraska state census, Burnett Village, Jefferson Pct., Madison Co., Neb., p. 4, dw./fam. 33. Amanda's father was reportedly born in N.Y. state, her mother in Canada.

²³⁶ M. W. Morgan to Wm. W. Dudley Esq., undated handwritten letter from Bennett (Burnett?), Neb., received in pension office 25 Mar. 1884; Ruth A. Teachout pension file 248,399 (service of William F. Teachout, Co. L, 5th Mich. Cav.), Case Files of Approved Pension Applications..., 1861–1934; Civil War and Later Pension Files, Record Group 15, Dept. of Veterans Affairs, National Archives and Records Administration [NARA], Washington, D.C. [1:1:22-23]

²³⁷ Anna Teachout power of attorney to George E. Lemon, 20 July 1885, Dry Creek (Pierce or Madison Co.), Neb.; Ruth A. Teachout pension file 248,399 (service of William F. Teachout, Co. L, 5th Mich. Cav.), Case Files of Approved Pension Applications..., 1861–1934; Civil War and Later Pension Files, Record Group 15, Dept. of Veterans Affairs, National Archives and Records Administration [NARA], Washington, D.C. [1:1:31]

²³⁸ "M. W. Morgan," obituary by "S. A. McL," clipped from an unidentified and undated newspaper, likely Albion, in author's possession.

²³⁹ Milton W. Morgan et al. to Randle Rude, Edwards Co., Ill., Z:431, 17 Aug 1882, rec. 17 Nov. 1883 (NW ¼ SW ¼ Sec. 9, Twp. 1S Range 14W); Grantor Index D–Z, FHL 1,401,783, DGS 8,117,694, image 338 of 726.

²⁴⁰ M. W. Morgan in Tilden, Neb., to Hon. G. B. Raum, commissioner of pensions, Washington, D.C., 3 June 1892; Ruth A. Teachout pension file 248,399 (service of William F. Teachout, Co. L, 5th Mich. Cav.), Case Files of Approved Pension Applications..., 1861–1934; Civil War and Later Pension Files, Record Group 15, Dept. of Veterans Affairs, National Archives and Records Administration [NARA], Washington, D.C. [1:2:65-66] For biographical information on Raum (1829–1909), see his entries in *Biographical Directory of the United States Congress* (<http://bioguide.congress.gov/scripts/biodisplay.pl?index=R000071>) and *Arlington National Cemetery* (<http://www.arlingtoncemetery.net/gbraum.htm>). His Wikipedia entry is more detailed and mentions a book of his, *The Existing Conflict between Republican Government and Southern Oligarchy* (1884, reprint, New York: Negro Universities Press, 1969).

²⁴¹ "M. W. Morgan," obituary by "S. A. McL," clipped from an unidentified and undated newspaper, likely Albion, in author's possession. TK

²⁴² Ruth A. Teachout deposition 19 Apr. 1885 in Battle Creek, Madison Co., Neb.; Ruth A. Teachout pension file 248,399 (service of William F. Teachout, Co. L, 5th Mich. Cav.), Case Files of Approved Pension Applications..., 1861–1934; Civil War and Later Pension Files, Record Group 15, Dept. of Veterans Affairs, National Archives and Records Administration [NARA], Washington, D.C. [2:15]

Milton taught school in the state for twenty years but returned to Bone Gap about 1898 with health problems serious enough that he underwent surgery in Olney and later in St. Louis. “He said it was not without an appreciation of the fact that he might never rise from there alive, but he was ready to go.”²⁴³

TK check for 2001 genealogy booklet “Modern Woodmen of America a fraternal life insurance society: a guide to genealogical research,” held in Madison (WSHS) and Bloomington IL (McLean County Hist. Soc.). What benefits if any did Amanda receive?

Amanda

In 1870 the Teachout family was in Benton County, Iowa, with two sets of children: Lawson (16) and Mary (14) born in Canada as was their mother Ruth Ann; and Amanda (6) and Frank (4), born in Michigan, and Nellie (2), born in Iowa.²⁴⁴ Amanda was 31 years old 13 July 1894 in Battle Creek, Madison County, Nebraska, when she vouched for her mother’s marriage to William F. Teachout.²⁴⁵ Amanda had eight years of schooling.²⁴⁶

In 1900 the widow Amanda (Teachout) Morgan and her children with Milton—Myrtle and Raymond—were living in Bone Gap next door to Milton’s brother Willard.²⁴⁷ The family soon left. In 1901 Amanda was in University Place (since annexed by Lincoln), Lancaster County, Nebraska (along with siblings Franklin and Nellie Spangler), seeking “to complete” her father William’s Civil War pension in applications made 30 July and 23 August.²⁴⁸ Amanda (no occupation given) and the children lived at three different addresses in Lincoln in 1901, 1903, and 1905, but not thereafter.²⁴⁹

TK LAND DEALINGS ON NEWSPAPERS.COM IN LINCOLN AND PHOENIX SEQUENTIALLY. ALSO A FALSE OBIT FROM TUCSON FOR A YOUNGER PERSON OF THE EXACT SAME NAME

In 1910 she was a homeowner at 1304 West Polk in Phoenix, Maricopa County, Arizona, working as a dressmaker and living with her children.²⁵⁰ In 1920 she was a nurse, living with son Ray and family at the same address.²⁵¹ In 1930 she was a “housekeeper” and homeowner in Compton, Los

²⁴³ “M. W. Morgan,” obituary by “S. A. McL,” clipped from an unidentified and undated newspaper, likely Albion, in author’s possession.

²⁴⁴ William Teachout household, 1870 U.S. census, Monroe Twp., Benton Co., Iowa, p. 4, dw./fam. 25. Amanda and Nellie were called sisters in Nellie’s 1945 death notice: “Deaths and Funerals...Spangler,” *Arizona Republic*, Thur. 21 June 1945, p. 11, col. 1.

²⁴⁵ General Affidavit of A. Case and A. M. Morgan 13 July 1894, Battle Creek, Madison Co., Neb.; Ruth A. Teachout pension file 248,399 (service of William F. Teachout, Co. L, 5th Mich. Cav.), Case Files of Approved Pension Applications..., 1861–1934; Civil War and Later Pension Files, Record Group 15, Dept. of Veterans Affairs, National Archives and Records Administration [NARA], Washington, D.C. [1:1:43]

²⁴⁶ Findley MacDonald household for mother-in-law Lamanda [grandmother-in-law Amanda] Morgan, 1940 U.S. census, Montebello Twp., Los Angeles Co., Cal., ED 19-420, sheet 11A, dw. 247.

²⁴⁷ Amanda Morgan household, 1900 U.S. census, Bone Gap, Edwards Co., Ill., ED 16, sh. 9A, dw. 167, fam. 170. “William” at dw. 168, fam. 171.

²⁴⁸ “Application of Children to complete claim of soldier and his deceased widow, their mother,” and notes on jacket of minors’ pension file 746,961, within Ruth A. Teachout pension file 248,399 (service of William F. Teachout, Co. L, 5th Mich. Cav.), Case Files of Approved Pension Applications..., 1861–1934; Civil War and Later Pension Files, Record Group 15, Dept. of Veterans Affairs, National Archives and Records Administration [NARA], Washington, D.C. [1:2:5 and 2:92,94] The grown Teachout children’s claim appears to have foundered on the Pension Bureau’s insistence on proof of Ebenezer Bisbee’s death, without which Ruth Ann would not have been legally married to the soldier William F. Teachout.

²⁴⁹ Amanda Morgan “wid. M. W.” lived on the north side of Miller, first east of Warren in 1901, on the northwest corner of College and Fowler in 1903, and at 302 E. Adams in 1905; *Hoye’s City Directory of Lincoln* (Lincoln: Hoye Directory Co., 1901), p. 384, image 191 of 351 (ancestry.com). Similarly, 1903, p. 438, image 225 of 445; and 1905, p. 143, image 73 of 485. The Morgans were not found in 1906 or 1907. In 1905 University Place was enumerated separately within the Lincoln directory.

²⁵⁰ Amanda Morgan household, 1910 U.S. census, Phoenix, Maricopa Co., Ariz., Ward 2, ED 60, sh. 13A, dw. 287, fam. 302. It is possible that she received a death benefit from Milton’s membership in the MWA, enabling her to afford a house.

²⁵¹ Ray L. Morgan household for mother Amanda age 55, 1920 U.S. census, Phoenix, Maricopa Co., Ariz., ED 64, sh. 8B, dw. 159, fam. 189.

Angeles County, California (the house was valued at \$2500).²⁵² In 1935 and 1940 she was “mother-in-law” (actually grandmother-in-law) in the household of Findley and “Marjori” MacDonald in Montebello Township, East Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California.²⁵³

Amanda was still in Los Angeles on 20 June 1945, when her sister Nellie Ann Spangler (wife of Henry W.) died in Phoenix.²⁵⁴

Children of Milton Worthy⁹ and Clementine (Clark) Morgan

- i. ALICE¹⁰ MORGAN (Milton Worthy Morgan⁹, Mary Elizabeth Thrall⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹) was born about 1873²⁵⁵ and apparently died young.
- 22 ii. EDGAR ALSINIUS¹⁰ MORGAN (Milton Worthy Morgan⁹, Mary Elizabeth Thrall⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹) was born 2 August 1875 in Bone Gap, Edwards County; died 17 April 1925 at 2213 East Virginia Street, Evansville, Vanderburgh County, Indiana; and was buried in Bone Gap Cemetery. He married 28 January 1897 ADELE “ADDIE” GOULD.

Children of Milton Worthy and Amanda Marie (Teachout) Morgan (placement uncertain)

- 23 iii. MYRTLE BELL¹⁰ MORGAN (Milton Worthy Morgan⁹, Mary Elizabeth Thrall⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹) was born 29 January 1884 in Nebraska and died 15 June 1965 in San Bernardino, California. She married as his second wife 10 May 1910 in Phoenix, Maricopa County, Arizona Territory, CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS COLLINS.
- iv. UNKNOWN¹⁰ MORGAN (Milton Worthy Morgan⁹, Mary Elizabeth Thrall⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹) was born say 1887 and died before 1900.²⁵⁶
- 24 v. RAYMOND LEE¹⁰ MORGAN SR. (Milton Worthy Morgan⁹, Mary Elizabeth Thrall⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹) was born 14 May 1890 in Meadow Grove, Madison County, Nebraska; died 27 March 1936 in Los Angeles; and was buried with his mother in Whittier, Los Angeles County, California. He married first 16 February 1913 in Maricopa County, Arizona, ADA PEARL VENSEL. He probably married second between 1926 and 1930 as her second husband STELLA L. [(-?-)].

²⁵² Amanda Morgan household, 1930 U.S. census, Compton, Los Angeles Co., Cal., ED 871, sheet 6A, dw. 147, fam. 180. She was reported age 66, first married at age 18 (approximately 1882).

²⁵³ Findley MacDonald household for mother-in-law Lamanda [grandmother-in-law Amanda] Morgan, 1940 U.S. census, Montebello Twp., Los Angeles Co., Cal., ED 19-420, sheet 11A, dw. 247.

²⁵⁴ “Deaths and Funerals...Spangler,” *Arizona Republic*, Thur. 21 June 1945, p. 11, col. 1.

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²⁵⁶ Amanda Morgan household, 1900 U.S. census, Bone Gap, Edwards Co., Ill., ED 16, sh. 9A, dw. 167, fam. 170; she had 3 children, 2 living.

7. ALLYN THEODORE⁹ MORGAN (Mary Elizabeth Thrall⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹)

Birth: 15 August 1856 near Bone Gap, Edwards County

Death: 29 November 1931 in Bone Gap after an eight weeks' illness

Burial: 2 December 1931 in Bone Gap Cemetery²⁵⁷

Spouse #1: **ROSINA ABIGAIL SMITH**, married 10 January 1878 at William Stanley's in Edwards County

Spouse #1 parents: Clark B. and Sarah (Winchel) Smith²⁵⁸

Spouse #1 birth: 1856, possibly 1 December, in Allegany County, New York²⁵⁹

Spouse #1 death: 1880, possibly 13 December²⁶⁰

Spouse #1 burial: Bone Gap Cemetery²⁶¹

Spouse #2: **LOUISA A. (THRALL) GASH**, married as her 2nd husband 14 July 1881 in Barnhill Township, Wayne County

Spouse #2 parents: Homer G. and Mary (Sutton) Thrall

Spouse #2 birth: about 1861 in Illinois (perhaps Edwards County)²⁶²

Spouse #2 death: not known; perhaps before 9 November 1886

Spouse #2 burial: not known

Spouse #3: **MARY CATHERINE SCHOFIELD** married 9 November 1886²⁶³

Spouse #3 parents: William Bobbitt and Hannah Mariah (Doty) Schofield²⁶⁴

Spouse #3 birth: 29 April 1862 in Albion, Edwards County

Spouse #3 death: 1 August 1932 in Olney, Richland County sanitarium²⁶⁵

²⁵⁷ “A.T. Morgan, One of County's Leading Residents, Is Dead,” *Albion [Ill.] Journal-Register*, Thur. 3 Dec. 1931, p. 1, col. 8. Also, Allyn T. Morgan burial #99, Duane Smith, comp., “Old Part of [Bone Gap] Cemetery,” handwritten list of 380 numbered burials with names, birth dates, and death dates; photocopy in author's possession. For illness, “A. T. Morgan of Bone Gap Dies Sunday Night,” *Mt. Carmel Daily Republican-Register* (Ill.), Mon. 30 Nov. 1931, p. 1, col. 6.

²⁵⁸ Allyn Theodore Morgan–Rosina Abigail Smith, lic. 781 8 Jan. 1878, marr. 10 Jan., Edwards Co., Ill., Register of Marriages 1:1; “Illinois, County Marriages, 1810–1940” > FHL 1,401,780, DGS 4,661,397 > image 210 of 654 (familysearch.org). They were both age 21. William Stanley, J.P., officiated, and Randle Rude was the only witness. Her parents were named. For her father's reported birth in N.Y. 8 June 1831, see Roger C. Moe's unsourced pedigree chart dated 22 Dec. 1996 from Columbia, Mo., in author's possession.

²⁵⁹ Exact date, unsourced, from 22 Dec. 1996 pedigree chart by family member Roger C. Moe. For Rosina's place of birth, Allyn Theodore Morgan–Rosina Abigail Smith, lic. 781, 8 Jan. 1878, marr. 10 Jan., Edwards Co., Ill., Register of Marriages 1:1; “Illinois, County Marriages, 1810–1940” > FHL 1,401,780, DGS 4,661,397 > image 210 of 654.

²⁶⁰ Reportedly died “two years” after the 1878 marriage: “A.T. Morgan, One of County's Leading Residents, Is Dead,” *Albion [Ill.] Journal-Register*, Thur. 3 Dec. 1931, p. 1, col. 8. Exact date, unsourced, from 22 Dec. 1996 pedigree chart by family member Roger C. Moe.

²⁶¹ Rosina wife of Allyn, 1856–1880, in Duane Smith, comp., “Old Part of [Bone Gap] Cemetery,” handwritten list of 380 numbered burials with names, birth dates, and death dates; photocopy in author's possession.

²⁶² Homer G. Terrall [Thrall] household for apparent daughter Lonza [Louisa] A., age 9, 1870 U.S. census, Barnhill Twp., Wayne Co., Ill., p. 24, dw./fam. 17. For possible place of Louisa's birth around 1861: Homer G. Thrall household, 1860 U.S. census, Edwards Co., Ill., p. 64, dw. 487, fam. 485. For Homer's wife's birth surname, “Mary Goodwin,” *Wayne County Press*, 1 Mar. 1888, p. 6, col. 3.

²⁶³ “A.T. Morgan, One of County's Leading Residents, Is Dead,” *Albion [Ill.] Journal-Register*, Thur. 3 Dec. 1931, p. 1, col. 8. The date of 8 Nov. 1886 is also seen (partially sourced tree, Descendants of Joseph Schofield, prepared in the early 2000s by “Brenda” Bperk930@aol.com, in author's possession).

²⁶⁴ Middle names are given in a partially sourced tree, Descendants of Joseph Schofield, prepared in the early 2000s by “Brenda” Bperk930@aol.com, in author's possession. She also reports that William B. Schofield served in Co. F, 152nd Regular Volunteers, Feb.–Nov. 1865. Reportedly died Nov. 1919, Edwards Co. Supposedly Hannah Maria Doty's parents were John H. Doty and Abigail Wade of New Jersey and Ohio: Ethan Allen Doty, *The Doty-Doten Family in America: Descendants of Edward Doty, an Emigrant by the Mayflower, 1620* (Brooklyn, N.Y.: privately printed, 1897), 459?

²⁶⁵ “Obituary of Mrs. Mary C. Morgan [corner torn off],” clipping from unknown newspaper, possibly Albion, in author's possession. Hannah's surname from Allyn T. Morgan–Mary C. Schofield marriage license #1607, 8 Nov. 1886, Edwards Co. Marriage Record 9 Nov. 1886, 1:67; “Illinois County Marriages, 1810–1940” > FHL 1,401,780, DGS 4,661,397 > image 279 of 654.

*Spouse #3 burial: Bone Gap Cemetery*²⁶⁶

Allyn TK check obit for completeness

Allyn may well have been the unusually spelled surname of the minister who married his parents.²⁶⁷ He himself was converted to Methodism at age fifteen (about 1871) and remained a member “for more than sixty years.” A local leader, he was elected justice of the peace for seven consecutive terms. “For three terms he was appointed by the circuit judge to the office of county parole and mothers’ pension officer of Edwards county. Mr. Morgan was of that somewhat rare combination of loyalty to the traditions of the past and an aggressive participant in the civic and religious affairs of the present, in all of which he assumed a progressive, optimistic attitude, with a profound belief that the affairs of men are gradually being worked out by the golden rule and the principles of the Christian religion.”²⁶⁸ In 1930 the family lived in Bone Gap village in a \$200 house.²⁶⁹

But sometimes even a lengthy obituary says much less than it could. This is a relatively peaceful and public account of a man who was married three times and who went to bat for his first wife’s stepmother and daughter in their dispute with the Pension Bureau.

Prior to his first marriage “Alen T. Morgan” sold 20 acres to Albert Rude for \$300.²⁷⁰

TK INCLUDE HIS PRINTED LETTERHEAD SOMEWHERE

Rosina

In 1860 Rosina was four years old in her family’s household in New Hudson, Allegany County, New York.²⁷¹ But she soon lost her mother and younger brother. Father Clark B. Smith moved west to Wisconsin, where he married a young Civil War widow, Julia (Whittaker) Henshaw in Marquette County there, and became guardian of her three Henshaw children.²⁷²

The blended family moved south: in 1870 Rosina was 13, living in Salem Precinct, Edwards County, Illinois, with father Clark B., stepmother Julia, three Henshaw step-siblings (Oliver H., 12; Anderson, 11; Ada, 8), and one Smith half-sibling (Clarinda, 3).²⁷³ Her father (born in Chemung County, New York) died in Bone Gap 21 June 1911. When his widow Julia (born 2 May 1838 in

²⁶⁶ Mary C. Morgan 1862–1932 grave marker with husband Allyn, image, Bone Gap Cemetery, Edwards Co., Ill., memorial 143,882,412 for Mary Catherine Schofield Morgan by Janice (Teel) Crites (findagrave.com).

²⁶⁷ Amos B. Morgan–Mary E. Thrall licensed 17 Jan., married 24 Jan. 1852, Edwards Co., Ill., Marriage Book B:139. Norman Allyn, M.G., officiated.

²⁶⁸ “A.T. Morgan, One of County’s Leading Residents, Is Dead,” *Albion [Ill.] Journal-Register*, Thur. 3 Dec. 1931, p. 1, col. 8.

²⁶⁹ Allyn T. Morgan household, 1930 U.S. census, Bone Gap, Edwards Co., Ill., ED 3, sheet 2A, dw./fam. 35.

²⁷⁰ Alen [Allyn] T. Morgan to Albert Rude, Edwards Co., Ill., 21 Nov. 1877, rec. 23 Nov., \$300 (S ½, SE ¼, SW ¼, Sec. 3, Twp. 1S, Range 14W); Grantor Index D–Z, FHL 1,401,783, DGS 8,117,694, image 330 of 726.

²⁷¹ Clark B. Smith household for apparent daughter Rosina, 1860 U.S. census, New Hudson, Allegany Co., N.Y., p. 789, no dw. no., fam. 467. Clark, a “farm hand,” had \$100 in real estate and \$150 in personal estate.

²⁷² Andrew Jackson Henshaw–Julia Whitaker marr. 1 Jan. 1857, Town of Princeton, Marquette Co., Wis., JP J.M. Fish presiding; official manuscript copy of original, in Julia Smith minors’ pension file 19130 (service of Andrew Jackson Henshaw, Co. H., 18th Wis. Inf.), Case Files of Approved Pension Applications..., 1861–1934; Civil War and Later Pension Files, Record Group 15, Dept. of Veterans Affairs, National Archives and Records Administration [NARA], Washington, D.C.; p. 10 (fold3.com). Andrew died in a Confederate prison in Aug. 1862; p. 18 (fold3.com). Julia married second Clark B. Smith 27 Oct. 1864 in the Town of Shields, Marquette Co.; official manuscript copy of original, pp 23–24 (fold3.com). TK URLs

²⁷³ Clark B. Smith household, 1870 U.S. census, Salem Pct., Edwards Co., Ill., p. 345, dw./fam. 113. The enumerator erroneously used the surname Shaw for the last four children, and compounded the error by applying it to Clarinda Smith. Apparent wife Julia, age 33, was reported unable to write.

Marquette County, Wisconsin) died 20 June 1918,²⁷⁴ within two days daughter Clarinda (then Clarinda Frauli) filed for reimbursement of \$66.75 in care, funeral, and cemetery expenses from the unpaid portion of the pension (roughly, more than \$1000 in 2018). Three years of correspondence and dispute ensued, but it appears that the claim was never paid.²⁷⁵

The fall of 1879 may have been hard times for Allyn: he gave a \$63.10 “chattel mortgage” to John Randolph 5 November 1879; it was recorded the following spring (5 April 1880), when perhaps the crisis had passed.²⁷⁶ TK ALBION In 1880, Allyn, Rosina, and ten-month-old Ezra were enumerated as a separate household in the same building as his mother Elizabeth, her 16-year-old daughter Lucretia (attending school), and four-year-old “son” Edgar (actually Elizabeth’s grandson and Allyn’s nephew).²⁷⁷ No longer a teacher, Allyn was a farmer working 60 acres on shares, with eighteen acres in corn and seventeen in wheat. Compared to the nearest nine farms the acreage, machinery, and livestock values were a little below average.²⁷⁸ With a value of \$20 per acre, Allyn’s farm was a bit above the Edwards County average of \$18 and below the Illinois statewide average of \$32.²⁷⁹ A farmer in 1900 and 1910, he was an insurance agent in 1920 and 1930.²⁸⁰

As a local justice of the peace, more than half a century after the Civil War ended Allyn did his best to advocate for Clarinda Frauli, who he described as his sister-in-law, a reasonable shorthand: she was his first wife’s half-sister. In November 1918 he addressed the U.S. pensions commissioner in a handwritten letter, using language that might have been considerably saltier had he not been a Methodist:

Clarinda Frauli . . . wants to know what Evidence you have that her mother Julia Smith left an acre of land when she died. I will go to county seat and get certificates from the County Clerk and Recorder of Deeds soon to show that she owned no real estate at death. She had ¼ acre but deeded [it] to her daughter Clarinda McKrell, now Frauli, to pay one hundred and fifteen dollars that she was owing some months before she died. The tax valuation shows the land to be worth \$100.00. If they fail to get this back pension the debts will not all be paid. We have no board of supervisors in Bone Gap Vill. nor in the county. We have three county Commissioners for the whole county who see after the burial of Paupers but not Soldiers widows. Please let us know where the Evidence came from that Julia Smith owned one acre of land at her death.

Respectfully, A. T. Morgan J.P.

²⁷⁴ Declaration of a Widow for Restoration of Pension, 23 June 1911, Julia Smith pension file 19130, p. 58–59 (fold3.com). Also, Pensioner Dropped form, 25 July 1918, Julia Smith pension file 19130, p. 12 (fold3.com). For Julia’s birth date and place, Julia Smith pension file 19130, p. 89 (fold3.com). For Clark’s birthplace, Julia Smith pension file 19130, p. 23 (fold3.com).

²⁷⁵ Application for Reimbursement, 22 June 1918, Julia Smith pension file 19130, pp. 99–101 (fold3.com). For a thorough explanation see *Measuring Worth* (<https://www.measuringworth.com/calculators/uscompare>).

²⁷⁶ Allyn T. Morgan to John Randolph, 5 Nov. 1879, rec. 5 Apr. 1880, Edwards Co., Ill., chattel mortgage G:62; Grantor Index D–Z, FHL 1,401,783, DGS 8,117,694, image 333 of 726.

²⁷⁷ Elizabeth Morgan household for “son” [grandson] Edgar age 4, 1880 U.S. census, Albion, Edwards Co., Ill., ED 7, p. 424D, dw. 565, fam. 574. Similarly, Alan [Allyn] T. Morgan household, dw. 565, fam. 575.

²⁷⁸ Alan [Allyn] Morgan farm, 1880 U.S. census, agriculture schedule, Albion Pct., Edwards Co., Ill., p. 45, line 1. Of the 192 farms enumerated in that precinct, less than one-sixth (31) were being farmed on shares.

²⁷⁹ Charles H. Barnard and John Jones, *Farm Real Estate Values in the United States by Counties, 1850–1982*, Statistical Bulletin #751, Economic Research Service, U.S. Dept. of Agriculture (Washington, D.C.: U.S. Government Printing Office, 1987), Table 1, p. 3 for states, and Table 2, pp. 24–29 for Illinois counties (hathitrust.org).

²⁸⁰ Allan [Allyn] T. Morgan household, 1900 U.S. census, Bone Gap, Edwards Co., Ill., ED 16, sh. 2A, dw./fam. 24. Similarly, 1910, ED 16, sh. 2B, dw./fam. 49; 1920, ED 20, sh. 4B, dw. 188, fam. 139; and 1930, ED 3, sh. 2A, dw./fam. 35.

P.S. Clarinda Frauli has taken care [of] her mother for years without any Pay at all and there is no one wishes to take any advantage of the Government at all. Yours ATM²⁸¹

Louisa

In 1870 the household of Homer “Terrall” (Thrall) in Wayne County, Illinois, included apparent daughter “Lonza” (Louisa) A., age 9.²⁸² Two doors down, as the enumerator traveled, was a Frazier household with three Gash children including 13-year-old Andrew S.²⁸³ Louisa married 7 March 1878 Andrew Langston Gash.²⁸⁴ Their son Homer was born September 1879;²⁸⁵ in 1880 the family lived in the same house as her widowed mother Mary.²⁸⁶ Little Homer died 23 October 1880, age 1 year and 1 month.²⁸⁷ His father did not last much longer: Andrew L. Gash, born 24 March 1857, died of “a long and lingering suffering with consumption” 1 December 1880, age 23 years and 8 months.²⁸⁸

The recently widowed Allyn T. Morgan, resident one county east, married second 14 July 1881 in Wayne County, Louisa A. Gash, born in Barnhill, Wayne County. They were married “at res. of Mary A. Thrall” (Louisa’s widowed mother) by J. P. Yungling, minister of the gospel.²⁸⁹ (Allyn’s 1886 marriage to Mary C. Schofield was said to be his third.)²⁹⁰

Genealogical Puzzle

After her second marriage, Louisa’s trail grows steadily colder. It is not out of the question that she may have had a third child with a third husband. Several records connect a cryptic Wayne County birth to long-lived Kansan Lulu Irene (Morgan) Geoffroy:

(1) An unnamed daughter was born in Merriam, Wayne County, 25 October 1887 to William Turham Morgan and Ida Morgan, birth surname Thrall. William Turham was a 21-year-old farmer; the word “Morgan” was written after his name in another hand. Ida was 27 years old; her parents were both “American” and born in Illinois. The baby was female and the mother’s third child. The mother’s surnames, age, and the baby being her third birth all point to Louisa. No other record of William

²⁸¹ A. T. Morgan to Hon. A. M. Saltzgaber Com. of Pensions, letter 21 Nov. 1918, Julia Smith pension file 19130, pp. 122–23 (fold3.com).

²⁸² Homer G. Terrall [Thrall] household for apparent daughter Lonza [Louisa] A., 1870 U.S. census, Barnhill Twp., Wayne Co., Ill., p. 24, dw./fam. 17.

²⁸³ William Frazier household for apparent son Andrew S. Gash, 1870 U.S. census, Barnhill Twp., Wayne Co., Ill., p. 24, dw./fam. 19.

²⁸⁴ “In Barnhill, March 7th, by Rev. James Crews, Mr. Andrew L. Gash to Miss Louisa A. Thrall,” abstracted from *Wayne County Press*, 21 Mar. 1878; Doris Ellen Witter Bland, comp., *Wayne County, Illinois Newspaper Gleanings, 1876–1879* (Fairfield, Ill.: Bland Books, April 1989), 45.

²⁸⁵ “Births . . . Mrs. Andrew L. Gash, Barnhill, Sept. 23, boy,” *Wayne County Press* (Ill.), date TK ACPLGC, in Doris Ellen Witter Bland, comp., *Wayne County, Illinois Newspaper Gleanings, 1876–1879* (Fairfield, Ill.: Bland Books, April 1989), 102.

²⁸⁶ Mary Thrall household, 1880 U.S. census, Barnhill Twp., Wayne Co., Ill., p. 22, dw./fam. 16. Similarly, A. L. Gash household, dw. 16, fam. 17.

²⁸⁷ Homer M. Gash, Ebenezer Cemetery, Barnhill Twp., Wayne Co., Ill., read by Michael J. Von Gebel, Sept., 2007; *Wayne County Trails: History and Genealogy* (genealogytrails.com/ill/wayne/cem_ebenezer.html).

²⁸⁸ For marriage: “In Barnhill, March 7th, by Rev. James Crews, Mr. Andrew L. Gash to Miss Louisa A. Thrall,” abstracted from *Wayne County Press*, 21 Mar. 1878; Doris Ellen Witter Bland, comp., *Wayne County, Illinois Newspaper Gleanings, 1876–1879* (Fairfield, Ill.: Bland Books, April 1989), 45. Few marriages seem to have been recorded in Wayne County before 1879. Also, “Deaths . . . Andrew Lankston Gash,” *Wayne County Press* (Ill.), 9 Dec. 1880, p. 2, col. 3.

²⁸⁹ Allyn S. [T.] Morgan–Louisa A. Gast [Gash] marriage entry, Wayne Co., Ill., lic. 115, 9 July 1881, marriage register C:172, 14 July 1881; FHL 1,391,820. The form provided asked for ages, parents, previous marriages, and other information, none of which was provided. This was the case with the few other 1879–1881 marriages, placed together in this book out of chronology. Most entries are 1887 and later, and completed.

²⁹⁰ Allyn T. Morgan–Mary C. Schofield marriage license #1607, 8 Nov. 1886, Edwards Co., Ill., Marriage Record 9 Nov. 1886, 1:67; “Illinois County Marriages, 1810–1940” > FHL 1,401,780 > image 279 of 654.

Turham Morgan has been found. Targeted autosomal DNA testing could focus on and compare Lulu's descendants with Louise's siblings' descendants.

(2) Lulu Irene Hooper, born October 1887, appeared in 1900 as a 12-year-old “niece” in a the household of Louisa's sister Florence (Thrall) Hooper. Florence had one child, one living and present in that household, namely Mary.²⁹¹

(3) Lulu Irene Morgan was age 19, born in Fairfield, Wayne County, on 26 December 1906, when she made an affidavit to marry Frank Geoffroy of Abilene, Dickinson County, Kansas, in Kansas City, Missouri.²⁹² Neither the affidavit nor the license named her parents.

(4) In 1909 Lulu was called a cousin of A. H. Thrall.²⁹³ This is very probably Albert Homer Thrall, son of Henry Clay Thrall, Louisa's older brother.²⁹⁴ If Louisa was Lulu's mother, she and and Albert would be first cousins.

(5) In 1923 the obituary of Mary Cynthia (Hooper) Kirby, daughter of Florence, called Lulu “Geoffrey” her sister.²⁹⁵ This seems implausible and conflicts with the 1900 household.²⁹⁶ Mary and Lulu may well have grown up together, and calling her “sister” at a later date raised no difficult questions.

(6) Lulu Geoffroy's birthday was given as 25 October 1887,²⁹⁷ corresponding exactly to the Wayne County birth record of the unnamed daughter at the time.

(7) In 1940, Frank “Geoffrey” and wife “Mary” were living at 1849 Pembroke in Topeka, Shawnee County, Kansas. Frank had 8 years of schooling, “Mary” three years of high school.²⁹⁸ This is the same address given for Frank Geoffroy and wife Lulu I. in Topeka in 1942.²⁹⁹

(8) In 1947, Lulu Irene Geoffroy filed for Social Security, giving her birth date as 25 October 1888, birth place Fairfield, parents John M. Morgan and Idella Thrall.³⁰⁰ [Idella A. Thrall married Lane Koonce; they were parents of bride at FHL 1,479,336, 25 Nov. 1914 in Vanderburgh County, Indiana. TK FHC) An Idella Thrash (sometimes Thrall) Koonce died 1927 in Evansville, age 62, so born about 1865. Obituary on Gbank names no parents or siblings. Preliminary searching does not turn up any

²⁹¹ Flo Hooper household, 1900 U.S. census, Fairfield, Wayne Co., Ill., ED 98, sh. 19A, dw. 110, fam. 421. Flo kept a boardinghouse; had one child, one living (Mary in this household); and was divorced. Lulu's last name was given as Hooper, birth Oct. 1887.

²⁹² Frank Geoffroy–Lulu Irene Morgan affidavits, marriage application #36738, 26 Dec. 1906, Kansas City, Jackson Co., Mo.; “Missouri, Jackson County, Marriage Records, 1840–1985,” image 612,592 of 695672 (ancestry.com). Also, unnumbered marriage license and return, 26 Dec. 1906, for Frank Geoffroy and Lulu Irane [Irene] Morgan, Jackson Co. Recorder of Deeds; “Missouri, Marriage Records, 1805–2002” > Jackson > Record Images for Jackson > 1896–1907 > image 2637 of 2751. Minister R. R. Mason officiated. Lulu was said to be of Wayne Co., Ill.

²⁹³ [Untitled local notes], *Marysville Advocate-Democrat* (Kan.), Thur. 13 Oct. 1909, p. 5, col. 1: “Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Thrall are in the city the guests at the Frank Geoffroy home. They expect to remain here a month or six weeks. Mr. Thrall, who is a cousin of Mrs. Geoffroy, is connected with the International Conservatory of Music.”

²⁹⁴ Henry Thrall household for Albert H. age 3, 1880 U.S. census, Barnhill Twp., Wayne Co., Ill., ED 144, p. 153B, dw./fam. 13.

²⁹⁵ Transcribed obituary for Mary Cynthia Hooper Kirby, born 28 Mar. 1878 at Fairfield, Ill., and died in Beatrice, Neb., 30 Jan. 1923, reportedly from a Fairfield newspaper in Mr. K. Verdaine Hooper's grandmother's collection.

²⁹⁶ Flo Hooper household, 1900 U.S. census, Fairfield, Wayne Co., Ill., ED 98, sh. 19A, dw. 110, fam. 421. Flo kept a boardinghouse; had one child, one living (Mary in this household); and was divorced. Lulu's last name was given as Hooper, birth Oct. 1887.

²⁹⁷ Lulu Geoffroy index entry, “U. S., Social Security Death Index, 1935–2014” [SSDI] (ancestry.com).

²⁹⁸ Frank Geoffroy [Geoffroy] household for wife Mary [Lulu], 1940 U.S. census, Topeka, Shawnee Co., Kan., ED 89-47, sh. 10B, dw. 205.

²⁹⁹ Frank Geoffroy (Lulu I.) entry, *Polk's Topeka (Shawnee County, Kans.) City Directory 1942* (Kansas City, Mo.: R. L. Polk & Co., 1942), p. 140, image 67 of 345 (ancestry.com).

³⁰⁰ Lulu Irene (Mrs. Frank) Geoffroy, Application for Social Security Account Number 496-32-5625, Overland Park, Kan., 12 Dec. 1947.

such couple. Louisa Thrall, daughter of Homer and Mary there in Wayne County, was at least once called Ida. John M. Morgan appears in 1897 in the Mt. Carmel Register.

Thrall-Morgan allied families

Allyn and Louisa were second cousins, sharing one set of great-grandparents. Eliphas⁶ and Mary (Mead) Thrall were both:

* parents of Lyman⁷ Thrall, grandparents of Homer G.⁸ Thrall,³⁰¹ and great-grandparents of Louisa⁹ Thrall,³⁰² and

* parents of Worthy⁷ Thrall,³⁰³ grandparents of Mary Elizabeth⁸ (Thrall) Morgan,³⁰⁴ and great-grandparents of Allyn Theodore⁹ Morgan.

So their (probable) child's pedigree would have a bit of collapse, with Eliphas and Mary filling two different slots in it.

Mary Catherine

Allyn married third 9 November 1886 Mary Catherine Schofield,³⁰⁵ the daughter of William B. and Hannah M. (Doty) Schofield.³⁰⁶

Leslie A. Stone was living in Allyn and Mary C.'s household in 1910 (when he was a "lodger," about ten years old) and 1920 (when he was about nineteen, not related, and a farm laborer); it seems likely that he was at least partly raised and supported by them. He and his parents were all born in Kentucky.³⁰⁷ He was born 27 February 1898 in Bone Gap or January 1900 in Shelby Precinct, Edwards County.³⁰⁸ In 1900 he lived in the household of John Will and Minnie Stone and five older children in Shelby Precinct.³⁰⁹ Minnie's death in January 1901³¹⁰ may have caused his birth family to disperse. In 1918 Leslie was described as having blue eyes and brown hair, standing 5 feet 6 inches tall, and

³⁰¹ D. Stephen Thrall and Grant Leslie Thrall, *Thrall Genealogy 1630–1965: Descendants of William Thrall* (privately published, 1965), 39–40, 66–67.

³⁰² Homer G. Terrall [Thrall] household for apparent daughter Lonza [Louisa] A., age 9, 1870 U.S. census, Barnhill Twp., Wayne Co., Ill., p. 24, dw./fam. 17.

³⁰³ D. Stephen Thrall and Grant Leslie Thrall, *Thrall Genealogy 1630–1965: Descendants of William Thrall* (privately published, 1965), 39–40, 69.

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³⁰⁵ "A.T. Morgan, One of County's Leading Residents, Is Dead," *Albion [Ill.] Journal-Register*, Thur. 3 Dec. 1931, p. 1, col. 8.

³⁰⁶ "Obituary of Mrs. Mary C. Morgan Give [corner torn off]," clipping from unknown newspaper, possibly Albion, in author's possession. Hannah's surname from Allyn T. Morgan–Mary C. Schofield marriage license #1607, 8 Nov. 1886, Edwards Co., Ill., Marriage Record 9 Nov. 1886, 1:67; "Illinois County Marriages, 1810–1940" > FHL 1,401,780 > image 279 of 654.

³⁰⁷ For 27 Feb. 1898: Allan [Allyn] T. Morgan household for Leslie A. Hone [Stone] age 10, 1900 U.S. census, Bone Gap, Edwards Co., Ill., ED 16, sh. 2A, dw./fam. 24. Similarly, Leslie A. Stone age 19, 1910, ED 16, sh. 2B, dw./fam. 49. For Jan. 1900: John Will Stone household for son Leslie Stone, age 5 months, 1900 U.S. census, Shelby Pct., Edwards Co., Ill., ED 21, sh. 15B, dw. 306, fam. 310. Leslie may have aged himself some to get his seaman's certificate.

³⁰⁸ Leslie Stone signature, photo, description, and thumbprint on undated but evidently 1918 Form S-5 (Rev), Hillsborough Co., Fla.; "United States, Applications for Seaman's Protection Certificates, 1916–1940" > Florida > 002-Tampa > images 107–8 of 701 (ancestry.com).

³⁰⁹ John Will Stone household for Leslie Stone, son age 5 months, 1900 U.S. census, Shelby Pct., Edwards Co., Ill., ED 21, sh. 15B, dw. 306, fam. 310.

³¹⁰ Minerva Stone obituary index entry, citing "EXPR p. 7, 20 1 1901," *Wabash Valley Obituary Index 1900–present* (www.vigo.lib.in.us/obituaries). TK ORDER Also, Minnie Stone (1872–1901) grave marker, Shiloh Cemetery, Samsville, Edwards Co., Ill., image, memorial 132,390,582 for Minnie Clark [P] Stone by Elaine Michels (findagrave.com).

weighing 135 pounds.³¹¹ He left Bone Gap soon after the 1920 census and was living in Wilton, Muscatine County, Iowa, when he married Matilda Elizabeth Meeks (age 19) there 15 June 1921, the daughter of B. F. and Mary (Beggs) Meeks.³¹² Evidently there was no happy ending: In 1925 Matilda Meeks was divorced and living in Washington Township, Buchanan County, Iowa;³¹³ and in 1930 a right-age Illinois-born Leslie A. Stone was a single farm laborer lodging in Cedar County, Nebraska.³¹⁴

“A very bad occurrence happened” in Bone Gap 19 June 1929, when Mary suffered a dislocated and doubly fractured hip while feeding her chickens in the back yard. She “caught her foot in some wire netting which caused her to fall. . . . Her cries were heard by neighbors nearby” and she was soon moved by ambulance to the Weber sanitarium in Olney,³¹⁵ 25 miles north.

The hospital evidently became a place of pilgrimage. “More than two dozen local people including the three Pifer children (Chapters 39, 44, 45) reportedly visited Mary C. (“Mrs. A. T. Morgan”) during the first week of August 1929 at the Olney Sanitarium. “Mrs. Morgan was very glad to see all these people,” reported a local newspaper. “She is slowly gaining and hopes to be home in two or three weeks, as her limb is now out of the cast. [Evidently all readers at the time knew the backstory.] But she is so tired lying there as it has now been fifty days since she has been able to turn over. All her friends will be glad when she is able to return to her home again.”³¹⁶ She survived the immobility treatment and on 20 August she came home in King’s Ambulance. “Mrs. Morgan stood the trip home very well.”³¹⁷ During the following week she had visitors from as far away as northern Indiana.³¹⁸

News items not seen often in this century: “Mrs. [A.T.] Morgan and the following three sisters were together Saturday for the first time in ten years: Mrs. J. W. Moss and Mrs. Albert Horton of Albion and Mrs. Abbie Blackard of Dalton City. Their ages total 283 years.”³¹⁹

Allied families Schofield, Thrall, Morgan

The immigrant Charles Schofield had numerous children including sons John Naylor Schofield and William Bobbitt Schofield.³²⁰ These brothers married Thrall first cousins once removed. John married Lucy Croker Thrall, a daughter of Lyman Thrall. William’s daughter Mary Catherine

³¹¹ Leslie Stone signature, photo, description, and thumbprint; “United States, Applications for Seaman’s Protection Certificates, 1916–1940” > Florida > 002-Tampa > images 107–8 of 701 (ancestry.com).

³¹² Leslie A. Stone–Matilda Elizabeth Meeks marriage 15 June 1921, Muscatine Co., Iowa, return of marriages for fiscal year ending 30 June 1921, p. 192; “Iowa, Marriage Records, 1880–1940” > 1920–21 > 494 Madison–Pocahontas > image 196 of 403 (ancestry.com).

³¹³ Matilda Meeks, 1925 Iowa state census, Washington Twp., Buchanan Co., Iowa, unpaginated, line 9; “Iowa, State Census Collection, 1836–1925” > 1925 > Buchanan > Washington > image 117 of 122 (ancestry.com).

³¹⁴ Elmer J. Ayer household for Leslie A. Stone age 30 born Ill., parents born U.S., 1930 U.S. census, Pct. 20, Cedar Co., Neb., ED 28, sh. 4A, dw. [blank], fam. 80.

³¹⁵ “Bone Gap Woman Painfully Hurt When She Falls,” *Daily Republican-Register* (Mt. Carmel, Ill.), Wed. 26 June 1919, p. 4, col. 1.

³¹⁶ “Many People Visit Woman in Sanitarium,” *Daily Republican-Register* (Mt. Carmel, Ill.), Wed. 7 Aug. 1929, p. 4, col. 2.

³¹⁷ “Annual Chowder Will Be Held” (Bone Gap locals), *Daily Republican-Register* (Mt. Carmel, Ill.), Wed. 21 Aug. 1929, p. 5, col. 3.

³¹⁸ “News Notes of Interest from the Bone Gap Area,” *Daily Republican-Register* (Mt. Carmel, Ill.), Wed. 28 Aug. 1929, p. 6, col. 2—a potentially valuable search option for researchers seeking to track dispersed families and friends from Bone Gap.

³¹⁹ “Senior Play Is To Be Presented” (Bone Gap locals), *Daily Republican-Register* (Mt. Carmel, Ill.), Thur. 14 May 1931, p. 7, col. 3.

³²⁰ Charles Schofield household, 1850 U.S. census, Albion, Edwards Co., Ill., p. 246 (stamped)/491 (penned) *verso*, dw./fam. 9.

Mary Catherine's father William B. Schofield was born at "Yorkshire, Brathwait, England," 27 March 1828, and came to the U.S. with his parents, settling in Albion and marrying 28 December 1852 Hannah M. Doty. They had nine children, who as of his death at age 91 in November 1919 were:

John N. Schofield (son of Charles) was born 12 October 1826 in Braithwaite, Yorkshire, England,³²² died 5 October 1893 in Albion, Edwards County, Illinois,³²³ and married Lucy C. Thrall 23 February 1860.³²⁴ She was the daughter of Worthy's brother Lyman.³²⁵ John and Lucy's daughter Lenora Schofield married Nathan E. Smith, and Ina Smith was their only child.³²⁶

Mary Catherine³ Schofield (granddaughter of Charles, daughter of William B.) was born 27 March 1828 in Braithwaite, Yorkshire, England, and died 15 Nov. 1919 in Albion.³²⁷ She married as his third wife Allyn Theodore Morgan, grandson of Worthy Thrall.³²⁸

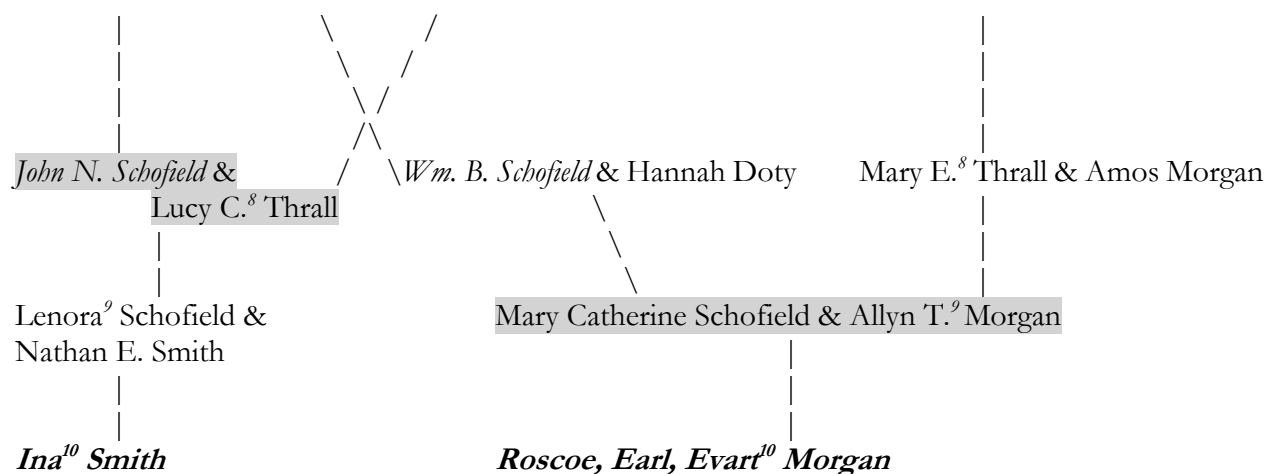
Eliphas⁶ Thrall & Mary Mead
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*Lyman*⁷ *Thrall* & Abby Phelps |
*Worthy*⁷ *Thrall* & Hannah James

³²² TK cited to “Albion Cemetery Book” not at ACPLGC, but perhaps the county book? At Find A Grave memorial #103,548,943, John N. (no image!) Schofield is reported born 12 Oct. 1826 and died 5 Oct. 1893 citing Edwards Co. cemetery book (at ACPLGC), no places listed.

³²⁵ Lyman Thrall household for apparent daughter Lucy age 10, 1850 U.S. census, Wabash Co., Ill., p. 405 recto and verso, dw. 212, fam. 206. Also, D. Stephen Thrall and Grant Leslie Thrall, *Thrall Genealogy 1630–1965: Descendants of William Thrall* (privately published, 1965), 384–85, Lyman Thrall entry, naming a daughter Lucy who married a Schofield.

327 “Obituary of Mrs. Mary C. Morgan Give [corner torn off],” clipping from unknown newspaper, possibly Albion, in author’s possession. Also, Mary C. Morgan grave marker (image, 1862–1932), Bone Gap Cemetery, Bone Gap, Ill., memorial #143,882,412 for Mary Catherine Schofield Morgan by Janice (Teel) Crites (findagrave.com).

³²⁸ "A.T. Morgan, One of County's Leading Residents, Is Dead," *Albion [Ill.] Journal-Register*, Thur. 3 Dec. 1931, p. 1, col. 8.



Italics = siblings

Bold italics = 3^d cousins in the Thrall line, 2^d cousins in the Schofield line

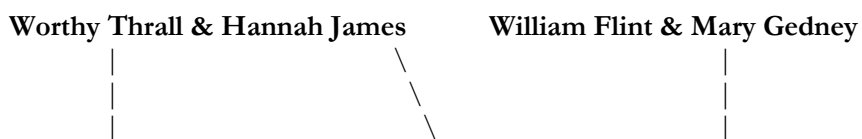
Shaded gray = Schofield–Thrall marriages

Child of Allyn Theodore⁹ and Rosina (Smith) Morgan

- 25 i. EZRA LEONIDAS “LON”¹⁰ MORGAN (Allyn Theodore Morgan⁹, Mary Elizabeth Thrall⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹) was born 22 August 1879 in Bone Gap, and died 9 October 1937 in St. Louis. He married 26 June 1906 in Murphysboro, Jackson County, MARY FLETCHER FLINT.

Allied Families Flint-Morgan

The Flint and Thrall families intermarried twice in different generations. In 1873, Leonidas⁸ Thrall married Edith Flint. In 1906 Mary Fletcher Flint (daughter of Edith’s brother John Wesley Flint) married Ezra Leonidas¹⁰ Morgan (great-grandson of Leonidas’s father Worthy Thrall). As a result, the four children of Mary and Ezra were grandchildren and great-grandchildren of the immigrants William Flint and Mary Gedney³²⁹ and great-grandchildren of Worthy Thrall and Hannah James in two different lines. And the great-grandchildren of Leonidas and Edith were great-grandchildren of Flint-Gedney and Thrall-James.



³²⁹ For the marriage, William Flint-Mary Gedney marriage #23, 21 March 1842, Cowbit, County of Lincoln. TK Flint ms. “Edith F. Thrall,” *Belleville Weekly Advocate*, 18 November 1898, back page, col. 2. Also, “Memoirs—John Wesley Flint, D.D.,” in *Southern Illinois Conference Methodist Episcopal Church, Minutes of the Seventy-Fifth Annual Session* (1926), 53–54. TK ISMI St. Clair #459.

William Flint & Mary Gedney Mary E. Thrall & Amos Morgan Leonidas Thrall & *Edith Flint* (gen. 8)

John W. Flint & M. Robertson Allyn Morgan & R. Smith Victor/William/Charles/Harold Thrall (gen. 9)

Mary Fletcher Flint & Ezra Lon Morgan

Ten Thrall children (gen. 10)

Four Morgan children Numerous Thrall cousins, many living (gen. 11)
Third cousins on the Thrall side, second cousins once removed on the Flint side.

TK try it with 2 diagrams?

Italics: Flint siblings

Underline: Thrall siblings

Bold: ancestral couples

Likely child of Allyn Theodore⁹ and Louisa/Ida (Thrall)(Gash)Morgan

ii. MINNIE L.¹⁰ MORGAN (Allyn Theodore Morgan⁹, Mary Elizabeth Thrall⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹), who lived 1 year, 2 months, and 10 days—conjecturally, from July 1882 to September 1883. She is known only from a reading of an unphotographed worn stone in Ebenezer Cemetery, Wayne County: “(date illegible) aged 1 yr, 2 mo. 10 days dau, of A. P. and L. A. Morgan, buded on earth to bloom in heaven.”³³⁰ There is plenty of time between their known marriage 14 July 1881 and Allyn’s third marriage in 1886; indeed, it would be unusual in this time and place for a marriage not to produce at least one child. (And Louisa had already had one child with her first husband.) It is not known how the marriage ended and what became of Louisa (Thrall) (Gash) Morgan.

Children of Allyn Theodore⁹ and Mary Catherine (Schofield) Morgan

- iii. ROSCOE RALPH¹⁰ MORGAN (Allyn Theodore Morgan⁹, Mary Elizabeth Thrall⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹) was born about 30 November 1887 and died 29 July 1888, when he was said to be 8 months and 29 days old.³³¹
- 26 iv. EARL AMOS¹⁰ MORGAN (Allyn Theodore Morgan⁹, Mary Elizabeth Thrall⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹) was born 10 June 1890 in Bone Gap, Edwards County; died 17 March 1960 in Illinois Central Hospital, Cook County; and was buried at Spencer Heights Memorial Cemetery, Mounds, Pulaski County. He married 10 June 1920 in Mounds EFFIE GERTRUDE BANKSTON.
- 27 v. EVART WILLIAM¹⁰ MORGAN (Allyn Theodore Morgan⁹, Mary Elizabeth Thrall⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹) was born 19 March 1892 in Bone Gap, Edwards

³³⁰ Minnie L. Morgan grave marker, no image, Ebenezer Cemetery, Wayne Co., Ill., memorial 34,713,446 by David Shelton (findagrave.com).

³³¹ “Little Roscoe,” misdated clipping (7/2/88) from unnamed newspaper, possibly Albion, in author’s possession.

County;³³² died 2 March 1979 in Pueblo, Pueblo County, Colorado; and was buried in Imperial Memorial Gardens there on the 6th. He married first 20 March 1912 in Bone Gap ELSIE P. DRURY. He married second before 1920 EVA BRINES.

³³² Everett [Evart] William Morgan WWI draft card #595/6, Bone Gap, Ill.; “U.S., World War I, Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918” > Illinois > Edwards Co. > Draft Card M > image 187 of 210 (ancestry.com).

CHAPTER 8. WILBUR MORGAN–JENNIE SMITH FAMILY
“A firm believer in prohibition”

8. WILBUR AMOS⁹ MORGAN (Mary Elizabeth Thrall⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹)

Birth: 22 February 1858 in Edwards County

Death: 4 August 1945

Burial: Bone Gap Cemetery³³³

Spouse: **ELIZA JANE “JENNIE” SMITH** married 7 January 1884 in Olney, Richland County

Spouse’s parents: Abner Turner and Deanna (Saunders) (Honchin) Smith³³⁴

Spouse’s birth: 12 February 1862 near Parkersburg, Richland County

Spouse’s death: 2 December 1945 in Pasadena, Los Angeles County, California

Spouse’s burial: Bone Gap Cemetery³³⁵

Jennie’s obituary states that her parents died before she was seventeen (so before 1879), leaving her in the care of step-parents; she reportedly came to Bone Gap in the early 1880s.³³⁶ The following sequence of events confirms a household transformation involving two wives and three husbands:

- * 1859 Dianah Saunders (born 1842) married William A Houchin/Honchin
- * 1860 household:
- * 1861 Dianah Honchin married second Abner T. Smith
- * about 1862 Eliza Jane “Jennie” Smith born
- * 1868 Diana Smith died in Parkersburg
- * before 1870 Abner Smith married second Eliza (born 1844)
- * 1870 household Smith: Abner Smith 40, Eliza 26, **Eliza J. 8**, Benjamin F. 7; Pinkney Hill 3, Thomas C. 2.
- * 1870 household Snyder: William Snyder 38, Elizabeth 39, Mary 13, William 4, Fanny J. 2; William Dodds 13, Samuel F. 9.
- * 187? Abner died
- * 187? Eliza married Snider
- * 1880 household: (all born Illinois): William Snider 49, Elisa [Eliza] 37, William 14, Fanny 12, Charley 9, James I. 11/12; **Eliza J. Smith 18 stepchild**, William H. 9, Mary E. 7, Lewis E. 5; Pinkney S. Hill 14 stepchild, Thomas C. 12; Rebecca Armstrong 28 sister-in-law; Grisom Lee 24 no relation, married.³³⁷

³³³ “Life Sketch of W. A. Morgan, Bone Gap Pioneer,” unnamed newspaper clipping (likely Albion) dated “Aug 16 45,” in author’s possession. Also, Wilbur A. and Eliza J. Morgan joint grave marker, image, Bone Gap Cemetery, Bone Gap, Ill., memorial # 138,327,564 by Janice (Teel) Crites (findagrave.com). Also, author’s visit to the area, 24–25 May 2001.

³³⁴ Wilbur A. Morgan–Eliza J. Smith marriage license #3, 7 Jan. 1884, Register of Marriages 3A (1878–1893):90; “Illinois County Marriages, 1810–1940” > FHL 1,221,093, DGS 5,202,988 > image 989 of 1098 (familysearch.org). County Judge F. D. Preston officiated. Also, “Death Occurs in California,” *Daily Republican-Register* (Mt. Carmel, Ill.), Thur. 13 Dec. 1945, p. 3, col. 3.

³³⁵ Wilbur A. Morgan–Eliza J. Smith marriage license #3, 7 Jan. 1884, Register of Marriages 3A (1878–1893):90; “Illinois County Marriages, 1810–1940” > FHL 1,221,093, DGS 5,202,988 > image 989 of 1098 (familysearch.org). Also, Wilbur A. and Eliza J. Morgan joint grave marker, image, Bone Gap Cemetery, Bone Gap, Ill., memorial #138,327,564 by Janice (Teel) Crites (findagrave.com). Also, author’s visit, 24–25 May 2001. Also, “Death Occurs in California,” *Daily Republican-Register* (Mt. Carmel, Ill.), Thur. 13 Dec. 1945, p. 3, col. 3.

³³⁶ “Death Occurs in California,” *Daily Republican-Register* (Mt. Carmel, Ill.), Thur. 13 Dec. 1945, p. 3, col. 3.

³³⁷ William Snider household, 1880 U.S. census, Madison Twp., Richland Co., Ill., ED 173, p. 77C, dw. 99, fam. 101.

In 1878 Wilbur, age 20, attended seven days at Yankeetown School in Edwards County with his younger sister Cretie. Later the same winter, in 1879, they both attended 22 days.³³⁸ In 1880 he was a laborer in the John W. Bircket household in Albion.³³⁹

The country grade schools around Bone Gap furnished his early education in the days when it was felt a four month term yearly was all that could be spared to children whose help was needed with the farm work. It was necessary for Mr. Morgan to miss two entire years of school since his father's death at the age of 39 placed the duty of maintaining the home on the sons. In addition to helping with the farm work, he secured a contract at the age of 16 to cut and haul wood at \$ 1.00 per cord for the nearby country schools. By the fall of 1879 he had accumulated funds enough to enable him to enter Illinois Wesleyan University at Bloomington for a year of study there. . . . In November of 1880 he travelled to Nebraska to visit his brother Milton who was employed as a school teacher.

Returning to Bone Gap, Wilbur purchased a small grocery store, moved it nearer to the railroad when the Peoria, Decatur, and Evansville Railroad came along in 1881. TK CHECK According to one account, "W. Morgan was a leader in the movement to the new site where he constructed the first building, a general store which was one of the finest in the county."³⁴⁰ Willard was town postmaster from 11 February 1881 to 2 November 1886.³⁴¹ He aided in the incorporation of Bone Gap in 1892 and served as police magistrate from 1894 to 1900. From 1890 to 1910 he was school treasurer for the district and from 1906 to 1910 was president of the town board of trustees. . . . In 1879, on hearing a number of addresses on the subject, he became a firm believer in prohibition" and joined the Prohibition Party in 1903, running unsuccessfully on its ticket for Congress in 1904 and the state legislature in 1906.³⁴² In 1914 he was the party's candidate for clerk of the Illinois Supreme Court.³⁴³

In 1904 he was involved in the local convention on Good Roads, under the auspices of the National Good Roads Association, a popular rural cause around that time and one that he had some first-hand knowledge of.³⁴⁴ "He visited Nebraska in 1880 and again in 1894, Oklahoma in 1901, and the northern tier of States to the Pacific northwest in 1906, 1907, 1909 and 1910. In 1924 began a series of trips to California in 1926, 1927, 1928, 1936 and 1940. On these visits he and Mrs. Morgan resided in California for periods of a few months up to two years. . . . however, he never wavered in his affection for and loyalty to the community where he was born."³⁴⁵ In the summer of 1915 he and J. T. Drury were organizing a private "first class" railroad car to travel from Bone Gap to the exposition in San Francisco.³⁴⁶

³³⁸ "Miscellaneous School Records, Edwards County, Illinois, 1865, 1873–1875, 1878–1880, 1883 and 1888," Yankeetown 20 Nov. 1878, typescript evidently transcribed from a standard "Schedule of a Common School," 3–6; copy in author's possession, likely from Edwards County Historical Society, Albion, Ill. Teacher Alice Pickering was paid \$20 the first time and \$30 the second.

³³⁹ John W. Bircket household for Wilbur Morgan, 1880 U.S. census, Albion, Edwards Co., Ill., ED 7, p. 424C, dw. 555, fam. 564.

³⁴⁰ "Communities . . . Bone Gap Precinct," *A History of Edwards County, Illinois* (Albion: Edwards County Historical Society, 1980) 1:9.

³⁴¹ Wilbur A. Morgan entry, *Record of Appointment of Postmasters 1832–September 30, 1971*, National Archives Microfilm Publication M841, Roll 28, Illinois, Du Page–Johnson Counties, vol. 53 (1878–93):64–5, Bone Gap, Edwards Co., Ill.; "U.S., Appointments of U.S. Postmasters, 1832–1971" > Illinois > Du Page–Johnson > image 76 of 597 (ancestry.com).

³⁴² "Life Sketch of W. A. Morgan, Bone Gap Pioneer," unnamed newspaper clipping (likely Albion) dated "Aug 16 45," in author's possession.

³⁴³ "Bone Gap Man Named," *Mt. Carmel Evening Register* (Ill.), Fri. 10 July 1914, p. 1, col. 5.

³⁴⁴ "The Good Roads," *Evening Register* (Mt. Carmel, Ill.), Sat. 24 Sep. 1904, p. 2, col. 3.

³⁴⁵ "Life Sketch of W. A. Morgan, Bone Gap Pioneer," unnamed newspaper clipping (likely Albion) dated "Aug 16 45," in author's possession.

³⁴⁶ "Going to Exposition?" *Daily Republican-Register* (Mt. Carmel, Ill.), Tue. 27 July 1915, p. 4, col. 4.

He had one year of college, Jennie had eight years of school.³⁴⁷ In 1930 they lived with widowed sister-in-law Nora Smith in Salem Precinct near Bone Gap in a \$1200 house she owned.³⁴⁸

Eliza Jane “became a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and the W.C.T.U. . . . Her husband was ever ready to say that her work was equal to his as they went forward together in the upbuilding of home and community. . . . To the last she aided him as she read to him from the Bible they both loved when his failing eyesight made it no longer possible for him to see.”³⁴⁹

In the late 1930s and early 1940s, all three of Wilbur and Jennie’s sons were working at the Brown Valve and Manufacturing Company in Alhambra, Los Angeles County, California.³⁵⁰ In 1941, Glen was president and Willard treasurer;³⁵¹ the business address was 2020 Lemon.

Children of Wilbur Amos⁹ and Eliza Jane “Jennie” (Smith) Morgan (all buried at Mountain View Cemetery and Mausoleum in Altadena, Los Angeles County)

- 28 i. HALE EUGENE¹⁰ MORGAN (Wilbur Amos Morgan⁹, Mary Elizabeth Thrall⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹) was born 4 June 1886 in Bone Gap, and died 28 December 1954 in Los Angeles County, California EDNA BLANCHE WHEELER.
- 29 ii. GLEN WILBUR¹⁰ MORGAN (Wilbur Amos Morgan⁹, Mary Elizabeth Thrall⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹) was born 25 June 1890, and died 27 November 1957 in Victorville, San Bernardino County, California. He married 1 September 1915 in Evansville, Vanderburgh County, Indiana, MINA LOIS SIMS.
- 30 iii. WILLARD AMOS¹⁰ MORGAN (Wilbur Amos Morgan⁹, Mary Elizabeth Thrall⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹) was born 20 November 1898, probably in Bone Gap, and died 13 September 1948. He married 24 October 1929 in Los Angeles, California, WILMA ANN SNIDER.

³⁴⁷ William [Wilbur A.] Morgan household, 1940 U.S. census, Bone Gap, Edwards Co., Ill., ED 24-3, sh. 2B, dw. 45. Their house was valued at \$300.

³⁴⁸ Nora Smith household for Wilbur A. and Eliza J. Morgan, 1930 U.S. census, Salem Pct., Edwards Co., Ill., ED 12, sh. 2A, dw./fam. 31.

³⁴⁹ “Funeral of Mrs. W. A. Morgan Sunday,” unnamed newspaper clipping (likely Albion) in author’s possession.

³⁵⁰ Hale Eugene Morgan, WW2 draft card, serial #484, order #189; “U.S., World War II, Draft Registration Cards, 1942” > California > Lother-Zwanzig > image 481 of 2392 (ancestry.com). Glen W. Morgan entry (vice-president and manager), *Alhambra (California) City Directory 1935* (Los Angeles: Los Angeles Directory Co., 1935), p. 108, image 107 of 463 (ancestry.com). Willard A. Morgan entry, *San Marino City Directory, Season 1936–1937* (S. Pasadena, Cal.: California Directory Publishing Co., 1936), p. 54, image 53 of 101 (ancestry.com).

³⁵¹ Brown Valve & Mfg. Co. entry, *Alhambra (California) City Directory 1941* (Los Angeles, Cal.: Los Angeles Directory Co., 1941), p. 73, image 40 of 233 (ancestry.com).

CHAPTER 9. LUCRETIA MORGAN—JOSEPH BRITTON FAMILY
Subdivision sales and minister's wife

9. MARIA LUCRETIA ADA⁹ “CRETE” MORGAN (Mary Elizabeth Thrall⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹)

Birth: about September 1863 in Bone Gap, Edwards County³⁵²

Death: 22 July 1906³⁵³

Burial:

Spouse: **REV. JOSEPH W. BRITTON**, married 17 December 1885 in Edwards County³⁵⁴

Spouse's parents: John and Harriet (Beene) Britton³⁵⁵

Spouse's birth: 15 January 1855 in Mt. Vernon, Knox County, Ohio

Spouse's death: 30 March 1925 in Mattoon, Coles County

Spouse's burial: Bone Gap Cemetery³⁵⁶

Maria Lucretia's first cousin Alta Areta Gould married Joseph's brother Edward; see chapter 10.

At age 15 “Cretie” attended Yankeetown School (near Bone Gap) in November 1878 in Edwards County (all 22 days) sometimes with her older brother Wilber, age 20 (7 days). They attended again in 1879 (the same winter), both for 22 days.³⁵⁷ In the month ending 10 January 1880, Cretie and her first cousin Alta Gould spent 21 days and 8 days respectively in Yankeetown School, this time taught by Mrs. C. T. Campbell, their aunt.³⁵⁸

In the early 1880s up until her marriage, Lucretia sold lots in Morgan's Addition to BoneGap—nine transactions totaling \$575.³⁵⁹ She also sold 20 acres to Howell C. Porter 26 April

³⁵² John W. Britton–Lucretia A. Morgan marriage lic. 1530, 16 Dec. 1885, married 17 Dec. at Bone Gap, Edwards Co., Ill., marriage record 1:61; FHL 1,401,780, image 273 of 654. For birth month and year, James [Joseph] W. Britten [Britton] household, 1900 U.S. census, Glenwood, Schuyler Co., Mo., ED 132, sh. 4B, dw./fam. 76. For birth year 1864, see note below.

³⁵³ “Memoir of Sister Britton,” *Minutes of the 55th Session of the Southern Illinois Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church*, Vandalia, 19–24 Sep. 1906, pp. 71–72. Lucretia M. Britton (1864–1906) grave marker, Bone Gap Cemetery, Bone Gap, Edwards Co., Ill., image, memorial #141,241,523 for Lucretia Morgan Britton by Janice (Teel) Crites (findagrave.com).

³⁵⁴ John W. Britton–Lucretia A. Morgan marriage lic. 1530, 16 Dec. 1885, married 17 Dec. at Bone Gap, Edwards Co., Ill., marriage record 1:61; FHL 1,401,780, image 273 of 654. Witnesses were D. B. Leach, W. A. Morgan, “et al.” Rev. M. N. Powers officiated.

³⁵⁵ John W. Britton–Lucretia A. Morgan marriage lic. 1530, 16 Dec. 1885, married 17 Dec. at Bone Gap, Edwards Co., Ill., marriage record 1:61; FHL 1,401,780, image 273 of 654.

³⁵⁶ “Rev. J. W. Britton,” *Minutes of the 74th Session of the Southern Illinois Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church*, Centralia, 22–27 Sep. 1925, p. 177. Also, Rev. Joseph W. Britton grave marker (1855–1925), Bone Gap Cemetery, Bone Gap, Edwards Co., Ill., exact birth and death dates and burial place undocumented, memorial #141,241,451 by Janice (Teel) Crites (findagrave.com). Also, John W. Britton–Lucretia A. Morgan marriage lic. 1530, 16 Dec. 1885, married 17 Dec. at Bone Gap, Edwards Co., Ill., marriage record 1:61; FHL 1,401,780, image 273 of 654. For month and year, James [Joseph] W. Britten [Britton] household, 1900 U.S. census, Glenwood, Schuyler Co., Mo., ED 132, sh. 4B, dw./fam. 76.

³⁵⁷ “Miscellaneous School Records, Edwards County, Illinois, 1865, 1873–1875, 1878–1880, 1883 and 1888,” Yankeetown 20 Nov. 1878, typescript evidently transcribed from a standard “Schedule of a Common School,” 3–6; copy in author's possession, likely from Edwards County Historical Society, Albion, Ill. Teacher Alice Pickering was paid \$20 the first term and \$30 the second.

³⁵⁸ “Miscellaneous School Records, Edwards County, Illinois, 1865, 1873–1875, 1878–1880, 1883 and 1888,” Yankeetown, month ending 10 Jan. 1880, typescript evidently transcribed from a standard “Schedule of a Common School,” 7–8; copy in author's possession, likely from Edwards County Historical Society, Albion, Ill.

³⁵⁹ All in Edwards Co., Ill., from Lucretia A. Morgan, in Grantor Index D–Z, FHL 1,401,783, DGS 8,117,694: (1) to Ephraim Carter, 23 Dec. 1881, \$70, Y:207, image 335 of 726; (2) to Elijah G. Phillips, 11 Oct. 1881, \$15, Y:235, image 335 of 726; (3) to Mary Rude, 10 Dec. 1881, \$15, Y:249, image 336 of 726; (4) to Peter Hocking 28 Jan. 1882, \$45, Y:412, image 337 of 726; (5) to Elizabeth Morgan [not sure who this is] 18 Sep. 1882, \$375, Y:420, image 337 of 726; (6) to [brother] Wilbur A. Morgan 11 Oct. 1881, \$30, Y:421, image 337 of 726; (7) to Maggie D. Rice, 29 Mar. 1884, \$4, 1:69, image 339 of 726; (8) to Elijah G. Phillips [again] 16 Dec. 1885, \$35, 1:194, image 341 of 726; and (9) to J. W. Birckett 20 Sep. 1884, \$8, 2:194, image 343 of 726.

1884.³⁶⁰ There is no indication how she came into possession of these properties. Late in October 1887 she was traveling from Bone Gap to Evanston.³⁶¹

Joseph married second as her first husband in 1908 Mary Bailey, who was born about November 1853 in Illinois;³⁶² died possibly 9 September 1939 in Fredonia, Wilson County, Kansas; and was reportedly buried at Fredonia City Cemetery there,³⁶³ the daughter of James H. and Ann E. [(-?-)] Bailey.³⁶⁴

In the mid-1870s Joseph joined the Methodist Church in West Union, Clark County, taught school, attended Knox College (Galesburg) and State Normal (Lebanon, Ohio), and graduated from Garrett Seminary (Evanston). He received an exhorter's license in 1875 and served 41 years as an ordained minister in Illinois and Missouri.³⁶⁵ Among his charges were (dates approximate, especially as Illinois's conferences usually met in the fall and Missouri's in the spring):

- * Oblong, Crawford County, on trial (1884);³⁶⁶
- * Bible Grove, Clay County (1887-88);
- * Marion, Williamson County (1890);
- * Anna, Union County (1892);
- * Benton, Franklin County, Illinois (1893);
- * Novelty, Knox County, Missouri (1894);
- * Greencastle, Sullivan County, Missouri (1895-1897);³⁶⁷
- * Greentop, Schuyler County, Missouri (1898);³⁶⁸
- * Glenwood, Schuyler County, Missouri (1900), where he started a new church building, finished by a successor;³⁶⁹

³⁶⁰ Lucretia A. Morgan to Howell C. Porter, 26 Apr. 1884, rec. 8 May (part of S ½ SE ¼ NW ¼ Sec. 8 Twp. 1S, Range 14W), 1:61; Grantor Index D-Z, FHL 1,401,783, DGS 8,117,694, image 339 of 726.

³⁶¹ Edith Thrall in Bone Gap to Lonnie [Leonidas], letter, Fri. 7 Oct. 1887; in author's possession.

³⁶² J. W. Bitton [Britton] household for wife Mary, 1910 U.S. census, Mt. Olive, Macoupin Co., Ill., ED 59, sh. 5A, dw. 104, fam. 109. Marriage year from "Rev. J. W. Britton," *Minutes of the 74th Session of the Southern Illinois Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church*, Centralia, 22-27 Sep. 1925, p. 177.

³⁶³ Mary E. Britton memorial #64,604,681 by Judy Mayfield, no image of grave marker, Fredonia City Cemetery (findagrave.com).

³⁶⁴ J. H. Bailey household for daughter Mary, 1900 U.S. census, Fredonia, Wilson Co., Kan., ED 162, sh. 8B, dw. 180, fam. 185. Also, James Bailey household for child Mary age 3, 1860 U.S. census, T6 R5 E, Effingham Co., Ill., p. 22, dw./fam. 152.

³⁶⁵ "Rev. J. W. Britton," *Minutes of the 74th Session of the Southern Illinois Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church*, Centralia, 22-27 Sep. 1925, p. 177. Also the information for any charges not otherwise sourced. Elsewhere he is said to have entered the "traveling ministry" in 1885: "Chronological Roll of the Southern Illinois Conference," *Minutes of the 58th Session of the Southern Illinois Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church*, Centralia, 22-27 Sep. 1909, p. 17.

³⁶⁶ "List of Appointments," *Minutes of the 33rd Session of the Southern Illinois Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church*, Fairfield, 22-29 Sep. 1884, p. 8.

³⁶⁷ "Appointments," 1895, 111 **TK expand** prob. 77th session. Similarly, 1896, 158. **TK prob.** 78th session, prob. in Trenton, Mo.. "Appointments," *Seventy-Ninth Session of the Missouri Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church held at Bethany, Mo., March 24-29, 1897* (Chillicothe, Mo.: Johnson & Kergan, 1897), 15.

³⁶⁸ "Appointments," 1898, p. 55, held in Hannibal, Mo.

³⁶⁹ "Appointments," 1900, p. 128, held in Kirksville, Mo. 82nd session. "Reports," 1902, held in Brookfield, p. 91.

* Memphis circuit, (Scotland County?) Missouri (1901–2),³⁷⁰

* Huey, Clinton County, Illinois (1902–3);

* Beaver Creek, Bond County (1904);

* Troy, Madison County (1905–6),

* Mount Olive, Macoupin County (1908–9),³⁷¹

* Vergennes, Jackson County (1910),³⁷²

* Mount Vernon, Wesley Church, Jefferson County (1911–12),³⁷³

* Farina, Fayette County (1913–16), where he later retired.³⁷⁴

* 1917? 1920? Ashley, Washington County? TK

“On every charge they served . . . [she] left a multitude of friends sorrowing because of her departure.”³⁷⁵

Their children remained close even after the parents were gone. In the spring of 1948 “Prof. and Mrs. W. E. Britton of Urbana, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd E. Britton and Mr. and Mrs. V. Crawley of East St. Louis spent the weekend with Attorney and Mrs. Harry I. Hannah in [Mattoon].”³⁷⁶

³⁷⁰ “Appointments,” 1901 conference, p. 17, Maryville Mo. “Appointments,” 1902 conference, p. 72, Brookfield, Mo.

³⁷¹ “Appointments,” *Minutes of the 57th Session of the Southern Illinois Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church*, McLeansboro, 16–21 Sept. 1908, p. 26. Also, “Appointments,” *Minutes of the 58th Session of the Southern Illinois Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church*, Centralia, 22–27 Sep. 1909, p. 24.

³⁷² “Appointments,” *Minutes of the 59th Session of the Southern Illinois Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church*, Olney, 28 Sep.–3 Oct. 1910, p. 27.

³⁷³ “Appointments,” *Minutes of the 60th Session of the Southern Illinois Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church*, E. St. Louis, 22–25 Sep. 1911, p. 24. Also, “Appointments,” *Minutes of the Southern Illinois Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church*, Cairo, 25–30 Sep. 1912, p. 21.

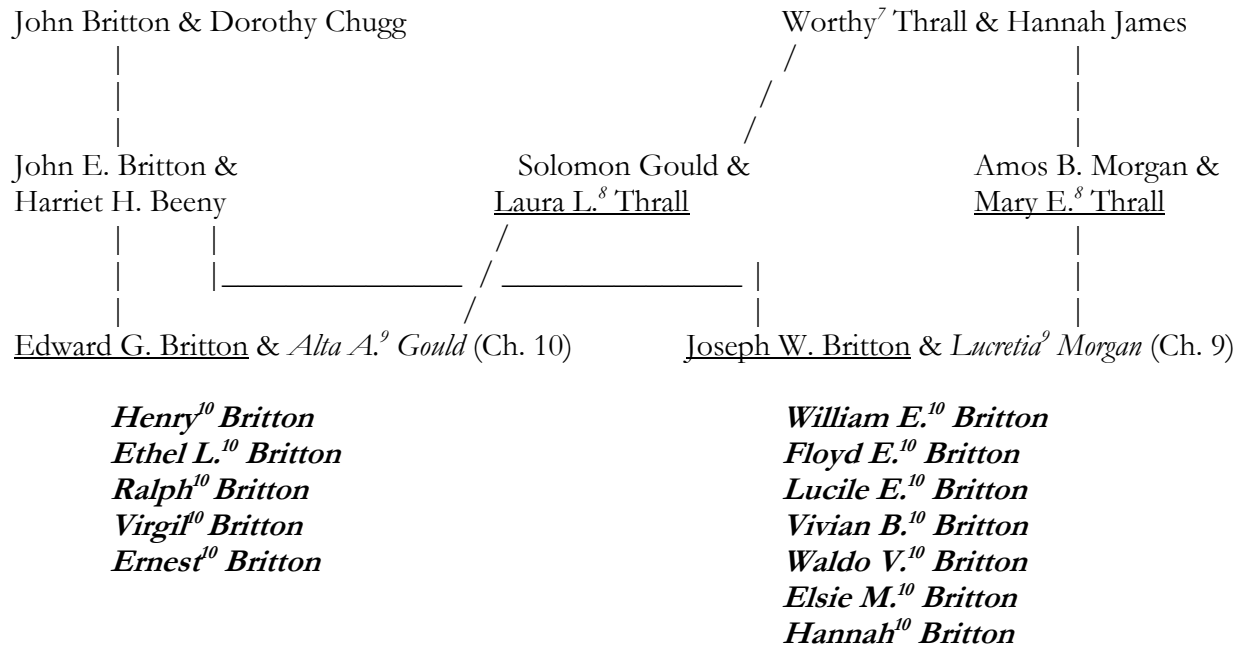
³⁷⁴ For Troy and Farina, “Rev. J. W. Britton,” *Minutes of the 74th Session of the Southern Illinois Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church*, Centralia, 22–27 Sep. 1925, p. 177. Some other charges based on children’s birthplaces.

³⁷⁵ “Memoir of Sister Britton,” *Minutes of the 55th Session of the Southern Illinois Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church*, Vandalia, 19–24 Sep. 1906, pp. 71–72.

³⁷⁶ “Personals,” *The Daily Journal-Gazette and Commercial-Star* (Mattoon, Ill.), Tues. 23 Mar. 1948, p. 10, col. 4.

Allied Families Morgan-Gould-Britton

Two Britton brothers married Thrall first cousins. The children of the two marriages were second cousins on the Thrall side, and first cousins on the Britton side.



Underline = siblings

Italics = 1st cousins

Bold italics = 1st cousins on the Britton side, 2nd cousins on the Thrall/Morgan/Gould side

Children of Maria Lucretia “Cretie”⁹ (Morgan) and Joseph Walter Britton

- 31 i. WILLIAM EVERETT¹⁰ BRITTON (Maria Lucretia “Cretie” Morgan⁹, Mary Elizabeth Thrall⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹) was born 23 March 1887 in Bible Grove, Clay County; died reportedly 6 November 1965 in Los Angeles County, California; and was buried in Bone Gap. He married first 28 July 1916 SARAH MYRTLE CASTLE, and second, reportedly in Cook County, 23 or 30 July 1949 HELEN GLADYS ROSS.
- 32 ii. FLOYD EVANSTON¹⁰ BRITTON (Maria Lucretia “Cretie” Morgan⁹, Mary Elizabeth Thrall⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹) was born 24 December 1890 in Marion, Williamson County; died 3 June 1982 in Spread Eagle, Florence County, Wisconsin; and was interred at Memorial Park Cemetery and Crematorium there. He married first 25 December 1912 in Mound City, Pulaski County, GLADYS GAUNT. He married second as her third husband before 6 January 1963 HAZEL C. (RECK) (CROCKER) THORSNESS.
- 33 iii. LUCILE EVANGELINE¹⁰ BRITTON (Maria Lucretia “Cretie” Morgan⁹, Mary Elizabeth Thrall⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹) was born 2 September 1892 in Anna, Union County, and died 15 March 1975 at the Homestead Hotel in Evanston, Cook County. She married 25 December 1912 in Mound City, Pulaski County, TIMOTHY IRLE MCKNIGHT.

- 34 iv. VIVIAN¹⁰ BRITTON (Maria Lucretia “Cretie” Morgan⁹, Mary Elizabeth Thrall⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹) was born 7 September 1894 in Novelty, Knox County, Missouri; died 17 October 1991 in Mattoon, Coles County; and was buried at Dodge Grove Cemetery there. She married 29 June 1917 in Ashley, Washington County, HARRY INGALLS HANNAH.
- 35 v. WALDO VINCENT¹⁰ BRITTON (Maria Lucretia “Cretie” Morgan⁹, Mary Elizabeth Thrall⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹) was born 21 September 1897 in Greencastle, Sullivan County, Missouri; died 13 February 1926 in St. Louis, Missouri; and was buried at Bone Gap on the 16th.
- 36 vi. ELSIE MAE “PEG”¹⁰ BRITTON (Maria Lucretia “Cretie” Morgan⁹, Mary Elizabeth Thrall⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹) was born October 1899 in Missouri; died 1997; and was buried with her husband. She married in 1930 VERLA C. CRAWLEY.
- vii. possibly HANNAH¹⁰ BRITTON (Maria Lucretia “Cretie” Morgan⁹, Mary Elizabeth Thrall⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹) was born perhaps 1902.³⁷⁷

³⁷⁷ TK -- from unsourced tree??

CHAPTER 10. ALTA GOULD—EDWARD BRITTON FAMILY

First silo in Pulaski County

10. ALTA ARETA⁹ GOULD (Laura Lucina Thrall⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹)

Birth: 15 September 1865 in Bone Gap, Edwards County

Death: 6 June 1957

Burial: Cairo City Cemetery, Village Ridge, Pulaski County³⁷⁸

Spouse: **EDWARD GEORGE BRITTON** married 23 April 1890³⁷⁹

Spouse's parents: John Edward and Harriet Hannah (Beeney) Britton³⁸⁰

Spouse's birth: 5 January 1862 in Ohio

Spouse's death: 9 April 1953

Spouse's burial: with his wife³⁸¹

Alta and cousin Cretie Morgan attended Yankeetown School in December–January 1879–1880 (eight days for Alta, 21 for Cretie), taught by their aunt Caroline Campbell.³⁸²

In 1930 Edward was selected as one of ten Illinois “master farmers.”³⁸³

Mr. Britton's parents came from Effingham county to Pulaski county in 1883. In 1895 Mr. and Mrs. Britton purchased an 80 acre farm . . . north of Mounds. On this rough worn out hill land they built their home nestled among great beech trees centuries old. From time to time as their business grew they added more land until now the farm consists of nearly 400 acres. In 1905 they built the large modern dairy barn which was then and continues to be one of the most modern structures of its kind in Southern Illinois. At the time of the construction of the barn, the Brittons brought to Pulaski county the first silos. Many people came to see the large round structures and to predict what would happen to the green corn ‘canned’ in such a manner. Since then ensilage and alfalfa hay have been the basic feeds for the [Holstein] dairy herd. . . . When the Brittons started on a rented farm with rented livestock they began gradually to buy and improve a herd for themselves.

They had 85 head in 1940.³⁸⁴ Edward had 8 years of schooling, Alta three years of college.³⁸⁵

³⁷⁸ For exact dates, Alta A. Britton grave marker, Cairo City Cemetery (also Villa Ridge Cemetery), image, memorial #103,801,393 for Alta Areta Gould Britton by Linda Knowlton (findagrave.com).

³⁷⁹ “Golden Wedding Day Observed,” *Daily Republican-Register* (Mt. Carmel, Ill.), Mon. 29 Apr. 1940, p. 5, cols. 4–5.

³⁸⁰ John Britton household for son Edward, age 18, 1880 U.S. census, Mason Twp., Effingham Co., Ill., ED 141, sh. 17A, no fam. nos., dw. 105. Britton family (including information from 1870, p. 33, dw. 257, fam. 260): John b. England about 1821, Harriet b. Ohio 1826–27, Joseph b. Ohio 1855–56, William b. Ohio 1857, Sarah b. Ohio 1857–58, Ida b. Ohio 1859–1860, Edmond/Edward b. Ohio 1861–62, Charles b. Ill. 1864, Richard/Richmond b. Ill. 1866–67, and Benson b. Ill. 1870. Also, John W. Britton–Lucretia A. Morgan marriage lic. 1530, 16 Dec. 1885, married 17 Dec. at Bone Gap, Edwards Co., Ill., marriage record 1:61; FHL 1,401,780, image 273 of 654. For Joseph's parents' middle names, unsourced family tree by Michael S. Britton, 3 Aug. 2006, in author's possession.

³⁸¹ For exact dates, Edward G. Britton grave marker, Cairo City Cemetery (also Villa Ridge Cemetery), image, memorial #55,829,168 by Lisa Caponetto (findagrave.com). For Edward's birth state, Edward G. Britton household, 1930 U.S. census, Mounds Pct., Pulaski Co., Ill., ED 9, sh. 5B, dw./fam. 134.

³⁸² “Miscellaneous School Records, Edwards County, Illinois, 1865, 1873–1875, 1878–1880, 1883 and 1888,” Yankeetown month ending 10 Jan. 1880, typescript evidently transcribed from a standard “Schedule of a Common School,” 7–8; copy in author's possession, likely from Edwards County Historical Society, Albion, Ill.

³⁸³ “He Is Named Master Farmer,” *Mt. Carmel Republican-Register* (Illinois), Thur. 11 Dec. 1930, p. 5, col. 1.

³⁸⁴ “Golden Wedding Day Observed,” *Daily Republican-Register* (Mt. Carmel, Ill.), Mon. 29 Apr. 1940, p. 5, cols. 4–5.

³⁸⁵ Ed G. Britton household, 1940 U.S. census, Mounds, Pulaski Co., Ill., ED 27-10, sh. 17A, dw. 355.

“The Beechwood Dairy wagon was a familiar sight on the streets of Mounds making its deliveries of bottled milk from house to house until 1927 when the Brittons entered into a contract with the Midwest Corporation of Cairo for the sale of their milk. Now [1940] each morning at 6:30 a large truck calls at the dairy and takes the entire output of milk to Cairo, where it is pasteurized, bottled, and distributed. For many years they took or sent milk and butter to Cairo, first by making the trip twice each week by wagon, then they shipped by the ‘suburban,’ an Illinois Central special train from Cairo to Mounds and return for men from Cairo to work in the yards [at Mounds], then later the milk was sent by the ‘interurban’ traction line.”

The Brittons credited the University of Illinois Extension, the Farm Bureau, and two magazines—*Hoard’s Dairyman* for livestock breeding methods and *Prairie Farmer* for general farm management.³⁸⁶

Alta Areta’s first cousin Lucretia Morgan married Edward Britton’s brother Joseph (Chapter 9). Their children were thus paternal first cousins and maternal second cousins of the children of Maria Lucretia “Cretie” (Morgan) and Joseph Walter Britton. See diagram below Morgan-Britton allied families TK.

Children of Alta Areta⁹ (Gould) and Edward George Britton

- i. HENRY E.¹⁰ BRITTON³⁸⁷ (Alta Areta Gould⁹, Laura Lucina Thrall⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹) was born about February 1891, and died 19 January 1892, age 10 months and 27 days.³⁸⁸
- 37 ii. ETHEL LUCRETIA¹⁰ BRITTON (Alta Areta Gould⁹, Laura Lucina Thrall⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹) was born January 1894 or 5 November 1893 in Mounds, Pulaski County; died 13 August 1984 in Sikeston, Scott/New Madrid County, Missouri; and was buried at Cairo City Cemetery in Villa Ridge, Pulaski County. She married 6 October or 23 December 1913 MILTON MILES HARTMAN.
- iii. RALPH H.¹⁰ BRITTON (Alta Areta Gould⁹, Laura Lucina Thrall⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹) was born probably late April 1896³⁸⁹ and died 16 September 1907, age “11-4-19.”³⁹⁰

³⁸⁶ “Celebrating Their Golden Wedding Today,” *The Cairo Evening Citizen and Bulletin*, lengthy undated clipping, likely 23 April 1940.

³⁸⁷ “Golden Wedding Day Observed,” *Daily Republican-Register* (Mt. Carmel, Ill.), Mon. 29 Apr. 1940, p. 5, cols. 4–5. All five children named; Henry is the only one who never appeared in a census. Placement in the family is speculative.

³⁸⁸ Edward G. Britton household for wife “Altie,” 1900 U.S. census, Burkville Pct., Pulaski Co., Ill., ED 68, sh. 16B, dw. 350, fam. 378. She had had four children, of whom three were living. Age at death from Wanda L. Atherton, Glenna Conant Badgley, and Martha W. McMunn, “*Where They Sleep*”: *Cemetery Inscriptions of Pulaski County, Illinois* (Carterville, Ill.: Genealogy Society of Southern Illinois, 1993), 3:22. The reading evidently includes a typographical error, with infant Henry E. Britton, “s/ E. G. & A.A. Britton,” dying 19 Jan 1882, eight years prior to his parents’ marriage, at a time when his mother would have been 15 years old.

³⁸⁹ Edward Britton household for son Ralph age 4 (born Apr. 1896), 1900 U.S. census, Burkville Pct., Pulaski Co., Ill., ED 68, sh. 16B, dw. 350, fam. 378.

³⁹⁰ Ralph H. Britton entry, Wanda L. Atherton, Glenna Conant Badgley, and Martha W. McMunn, “*Where They Sleep*”: *Cemetery Inscriptions of Pulaski County, Illinois* (Carterville, Ill.: Genealogy Society of Southern Illinois, 1993), 3:22. Two unsourced online memorials lacking images vary on minor points but agree that Ralph H. Britton died 16 Sep. 1907, age 11, with parents “E.G. & A.A.,” and was buried in Cairo City Cemetery, Villa Ridge, Pulaski Co., Ill.: Ralph H. Britton memorial #55,829,148 by Lisa Caporetto; and Ralph H. Britton memorial #143,117,803 by Bijj (findagrave.com). Complicating the picture is that the 1900 census reported that Alta had had 4 children, 3 living (note 209TK above), and that the 1910 census reported she had had 5 children, 3 living (Edward G. Britton household for wife “Allie A.,” 1910 U.S. census, Burkville Pct., Pulaski Co., Ill., ED 86, sh. 7B, dw. 146, fam. 148)—yet both Ralph and Virgil were present in 1900 and absent in 1910 and thereafter. Perhaps the 1910 enumerator erred and should have written 5 children, 2 living.

- iv. VIRGIL C.¹⁰ BRITTON (Alta Areta Gould⁹, Laura Lucina Thrall⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹) was born in Illinois probably late May 1898³⁹¹ and probably died 14 October 1900, aged 2 years, 4 months, and 28 days.³⁹²
- 38 v. ERNEST R.¹⁰ BRITTON (Alta Areta Gould⁹, Laura Lucina Thrall⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹), was born 23 March 1903 in Illinois and died November 1983, last residence in Midland, Midland County, Michigan. He married about 1925 MARTHA E. HUGHES.
- 39 vi. KATHLEEN VIRGINIA¹⁰ PIFER (Alta Areta Gould⁹, Laura Lucina Thrall⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹), foster child of Ed and Alta, was born 11 February 1914 in Covington, Alleghany County, Virginia, and died 13 October 1980 following a “long illness” involving diabetes and heart disease, last residence Lake Hopatcong, Morris County, New Jersey. She married 20 August 1935 near Mounds, Pulaski County, REV. HUGH JOHN MCNELLY.

³⁹¹ Edward Britton household for son Virgil age 2 (born May 1898), 1900 U.S. census, Burkville Pct., Pulaski Co., Ill., ED 68, sh. 16B, dw. 350, fam. 378.

³⁹² Virgie C. Britton entry, Wanda L. Atherton, Glenna Conant Badgley, and Martha W. McMunn, “*Where They Sleep*”: *Cemetery Inscriptions of Pulaski County, Illinois* (Carterville, Ill.: Genealogy Society of Southern Illinois, 1993), 3:22. This reading also (see note TK above) evidently includes a typographical error of “1890” for “1900.” The typed death date and age at death would place his birth two years prior to his parents’ marriage, and there is a right-age Virgil in the household in the 1900 census. Edward G. Britton household for son Virgil, 1900 U.S. census, Burkville Pct., Pulaski Co., Ill., ED 68, sh. 16B, dw. 350, fam. 378. She had had four children, of whom three were living.

CHAPTER 11. THE LEIGHTON-PIFER-GOULD CONNECTION

From western Virginia to southern Illinois

In 1981, more than half a century after the events, Rev. Hugh John McNelly wrote a brief sketch of this family connection (also quoted in Chapter 39):

Kathleen Virginia Pifer was born in Covington [Alleghany County], Virginia, on February 11, 1914. Her family was broken up when she was 2 years old, and her mother had to place her in a series of foster homes. Her ‘deliverance’ came this way—Rev. Virgil Gould, a Methodist Minister in Illinois, had married Kathleen’s aunt [Dora Sophia Leighton]. Kathleen was sent north to them, but Rev. Gould could not afford to keep her, so his sister ‘Aunt Alta’ Britton, took Kathleen into her home at Mounds, Illinois. At the age of 7, a new life began for the rebellious little redhead. She was a part of a loving Christian family! There she found Christ as her personal Savior. Piano lessons were provided for her. After High School the Brittons sent her to the same college their son and daughter had attended—McKendree. She graduated with a major in piano and a minor in pipe organ, plus the State Public School Music Certificate.³⁹³

Scattered records fill out and complicate this account. It appears that three siblings came “north” to Bone Gap (actually mostly west): Lucille before 1920, Kathleen about 1921, and Cecil not long after 1920. Dora (Leighton) Gould was Kathleen’s aunt by virtue of being Kathleen’s mother’s older sister.

These families are numbered separately from other chapters; more detailed information on the three children adopted or fostered is in the noted chapters, where they are numbered the same as biological children.

1. WILLIAM H.² LEIGHTON (Daniel¹) was born 24 December 1845 in Botetourt County, Virginia, son of Daniel and Louisa (Reynolds) Leighton, and died in Covington, Alleghany County, Virginia, of gangrene 2 September 1919.³⁹⁴ He married 22 October 1868 in Alleghany County **VIRGINIA SUSAN BROWN**,³⁹⁵ daughter of Matthew D. and Mary (Smith) Brown.³⁹⁶ Virginia was born 26 July 1851 in Alleghany County, died there 31 March 1930, and was buried at Mount Pleasant Cemetery there the following day.³⁹⁷

Children of William H.² and Virginia Susan (Brown) Leighton³⁹⁸

³⁹³ “Kathleen Virginia McNelly,” *Journal and Yearbook of the Northern New Jersey Annual Conference, The United Methodist Church, 124th Session*, Madison, N.J., 31 May–3 June 1981, pp. 333–34.

³⁹⁴ Wm. H. Leighton death 2 Sep. 1919, Va. cert. 22634; “Virginia, Death Records, 1912–2014” > 1919 > 22534–23032 > image 104 of 544 (ancestry.com).

³⁹⁵ W. H. Leighton–J. S. Brown marriage 22 Oct 1868, Alleghany Co., Va., Register of Marriages, p. 11, line 58; FHL 30,523, DGS 7,578,829, image 84 of 206.

³⁹⁶ The above marriage record gives the bride’s parents as M. D. and [blank] Brown. Census may be better. TK

³⁹⁷ Virginia Susan Leighton death 31 Mar. 1930, Va. cert. 5210; “Virginia Death Records, 1912–2014” > 1930 > 05075–05625 > image 161 of 625 (ancestry.com).

³⁹⁸ Virginia was reported to have had five children with five living in 1900, and five with four living in 1910. Wm. Leighton household for wife Virginia, 1900 U.S. census, Covington, Alleghany Co., Va., ED 5, sh. 33B, dw. 525, fam. 556; similarly, 1910, ED 5, sh. 12A, dw./fam. 224.

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 - i. DORA SOPHIA³ LEIGHTON was born 2 August 1871 in Alleghany County, Virginia; died at the Methodist Home 3 December 1957; and was buried at Bone Gap Cemetery.³⁹⁹ She married 11 May 1893 in Alleghany County, Virginia, REV. VIRGIL GOULD.⁴⁰⁰ (See Chapter 12.)
 - ii. HOPE G³. LEIGHTON was born in Virginia about February 1875.⁴⁰¹
 - iii. ROBERT CHARLES³ LEIGHTON was born in Virginia about 1877,⁴⁰² and died as a widower 5 October 1945 in Fayetteville, Fayette County, West Virginia.⁴⁰³ He was in Rev. Virgil Gould's household in 1900.⁴⁰⁴
 - iv. OLLIE LEIGHTON³ was born about 1879 in Virginia.⁴⁰⁵
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 - v. WILLIE GENEVA³ LEIGHTON was born 22 April 1885 and died 28 December 1936. She married first LEO WILLIAM PIFER and second FRANK STUPLE.
2. DORA SOPHIA³ LEIGHTON was born 2 August 1871 in Alleghany County, Virginia; died at the Methodist Home 3 December 1957; and was buried at Bone Gap Cemetery.⁴⁰⁶ She married 11 May 1893 in Alleghany County, Virginia, REV. VIRGIL GOULD.⁴⁰⁷ They had TK children. (See Chapter 12.)
3. WILLIE GENEVA³ LEIGHTON was born 22 April 1885 in Alleghany County, Virginia; died there of "pelvic inflammatory disease with abscess and peritonitis" 28 December 1936; and was buried at Mount Pleasant Cemetery there.⁴⁰⁸ She married first 23 June 1907 in Alleghany County, Virginia, likely as his second wife, **WILLIAM LEE PIFER**; they had five children by the time she divorced him for desertion in January 1919. (The divorce record noted four children; there appear to have been five, but only three were then living.) William Pifer was born in Shenandoah County, Virginia, about 1881,⁴⁰⁹ and is thought to have died in 1929.⁴¹⁰ In 1910 he was employed as a "helper beater" in the paper mill, and they owned their home with a mortgage.⁴¹¹ Willie married second in the early 1920s an older man, **JOHN FRANKLIN**

³⁹⁹ "Mrs. Dora Gould died at Lawrenceville," clipping from unknown newspaper (quite possibly the *Albion Journal*) labeled "Dec 57," in author's possession. For exact date, "Central Illinois Deaths...Mrs. Virgil Gould," *Daily Illinois State Journal* (Springfield), Wed. 4 Dec. 1957, p. 26, col. 2.

⁴⁰⁰ Dora S. Leighton–Virgil N. Gould marriage 11 May 1893, p. 48, line 30; FHL 30,523, DGS 7,578,829, image 122 of 206.

⁴⁰¹ Wm. Leighton household for son Hope Geo. age 25, 1900 U.S. census, Covington, Alleghany Co., Va., ED 5, sh. 33B, dw. 525, fam. 556. Also, William Leighton household for daughter Hope G. age 7, 1880 U.S. census, Covington Twp., Alleghany Co., Va., ED 3, p. 121D, dw./fam. 106.

⁴⁰² William Leighton household for son Robert age 3, 1880 U.S. census, Covington Twp., Alleghany Co., Va., ED 3, p. 121D, dw./fam. 106.

⁴⁰³ Robert Charles Leighton death, 5 Oct. 1945, Fayette Co., W. Va. Register of Deaths from Jan. 1, 1945, p. 31, no. 5; FHL film 584,754, DGS 4,226,923, per West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History (wvculture.org/vrr).

⁴⁰⁴ Virgil N. Gould household for Robert Leighton, 1900 U.S. census, Bone Gap, Edwards Co., Ill., ED 16, sh. 4B, dw./fam. 73.

⁴⁰⁵ William Leighton household for son Ollie age 1, 1880 U.S. census, Covington Twp., Alleghany Co., Va., ED 3, p. 121D, dw./fam. 106.

⁴⁰⁶ "Mrs. Dora Gould died at Lawrenceville," clipping from unknown newspaper (quite possibly the *Albion Journal*) labeled "Dec 57," in author's possession. For exact date, "Central Illinois Deaths...Mrs. Virgil Gould," *Daily Illinois State Journal* (Springfield), Wed. 4 Dec. 1957, p. 26, col. 2.

⁴⁰⁷ Dora S. Leighton–Virgil N. Gould marriage 11 May 1893, p. 48, line 30; FHL 30,523, DGS 7,578,829, image 122 of 206.

⁴⁰⁸ For 22 Apr. 1885, see Willie Virginia Stuple death, Va. state cert. 29966; "Virginia, Death Records, 1912–2014" > 1936 > 29830–30283 > image 157 of 505 (ancestry.com). For May 1886, see Wm. Leighton household for son Mllie [daughter Willie] age 14, 1900 U.S. census, Covington, Alleghany Co., Va., ED 5, sh. 33B, dw. 525, fam. 556. This conflict is not critical and has not been resolved.

⁴⁰⁹ "Record of Divorce Granted," Alleghany Co., Va., Jan. 1919 term, William Lee Pifer and Willie Geneva Leaghan [Leighton]; "Virginia, Divorce Records, 1918–2014" > 1919 > 00001–00500 > image 118 of 508.

⁴¹⁰ TK

⁴¹¹ William Pifer household, 1910 U.S. census, Covington, Alleghany Co., Va., ED 5, sh. 11A, dw./fam. 207. He was reportedly 28, she 23.

“FRANK” STUPLE, son of Jacob and Laura (Jackson) Stuple. He was born 8 March 1873 in Augusta County, Virginia, and died at the county district home there 10 March 1946.⁴¹²

Children of Willie Geneva³ (Leighton) and William Lee Pifer

i. JOSEPHINE H.⁴ PIFER (twin) was born 18 May 1908, died 8 July 1908, and was buried in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Alleghany County, Virginia.⁴¹³

ii. LORINE M.⁴ PIFER (twin) was born 18 May 1908, died 14 August 1908, and was buried in Mount Pleasant Cemetery.⁴¹⁴

iii. LUCILLE⁴ PIFER was born about 1912 in Virginia and died 12 March 1983 in Sun City, Maricopa County, Arizona. She married GEORGE Y. KING. In 1920 Lucille was an “adopted child” living with Edith and Alice Gould in Bone Gap (Chapters 13 and 44).

iv. KATHLEEN VIRGINIA⁴ PIFER was born 11 February 1914 in Covington, Alleghany County, Virginia, and died in Morris County, New Jersey, 13 October 1980 following “a long illness” involving diabetes and heart disease. She married 20 August 1935 near Mounds, Pulaski County, REV. HUGH JOHN MCNELLY. After spending time in several foster homes she went to Edward and Alta Gould about 1921 (Chapters 10 and 39).

v. CECIL MELVIN⁴ PIFER was born 14 July 1915 in Covington, Alleghany County, Virginia, and died 15 June 1995 in Phoenix, Maricopa County, Arizona. In 1920 he was living with his mother and grandmother in Covington, Virginia. Although evidence for a date is lacking, he likely came to Bone Gap soon thereafter. Cecil married first 17 June 1938 ROSALIE F. GALLEENER. He married second as her second husband 23 July 1950 in Great Falls, Cascade County, Montana, KATHRYN INEZ (WILLIAMS) SANDE (Chapters 13 and 45).

Child of Willie Geneva (Leighton) (Pifer) and John Franklin Stuple

vi. MARY LOUISE⁴ STUPLE was born 24 March 1927 in Virginia and died 6 May 2001 in Lorain, Lorain County, Ohio.⁴¹⁵ She married first RICHARD EDGAR HAYNES 1946.⁴¹⁶ She married second CLAUSEN.⁴¹⁷ At death she was divorced.⁴¹⁸

⁴¹² J. Frank Stuple death 10 Mar. 1946, Va. cert. 6230; “Virginia, Death Records, 1912–2014” > 1946 > 06062–06428 > image 185 of 403 (ancestry.com).

⁴¹³ Josephine H. Piper grave marker #232, row 14, Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Jackson River Rd., Alleghany Co., Va., image, memorial #144,098,963 by j stockwell (findagrave.com). Note: Findagrave.com calls it Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church Cemetery, but this is anachronistic as no denomination by that name existed until 1968. The name given in Robert Stover’s 1937 survey (Library of Virginia Digital Collection) is more plausible, and accords with the 1848 deed from Adam Dressler to the trustees of the Methodist and Presbyterian churches (<http://files.usgwarchives.net/va/alleghany/cemeteries/mtplesnt01.txt>).

⁴¹⁴ Lorine M. Piper grave marker #231, row 14, Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Jackson River Rd., Alleghany Co., Va., image, memorial #144,098,935 by j stockwell (findagrave.com). Also, William Pifer household, 1910 U.S. census, Covington, Alleghany Co., Va., ED 5, sh. 11A, dw./fam. 203. Wife Willie was reported to have had two children, but they were not listed in the household and the box for number of living children was left blank. Similar situations appear on the following census page, suggesting that the enumerator chose to refrain from writing a zero in that column.

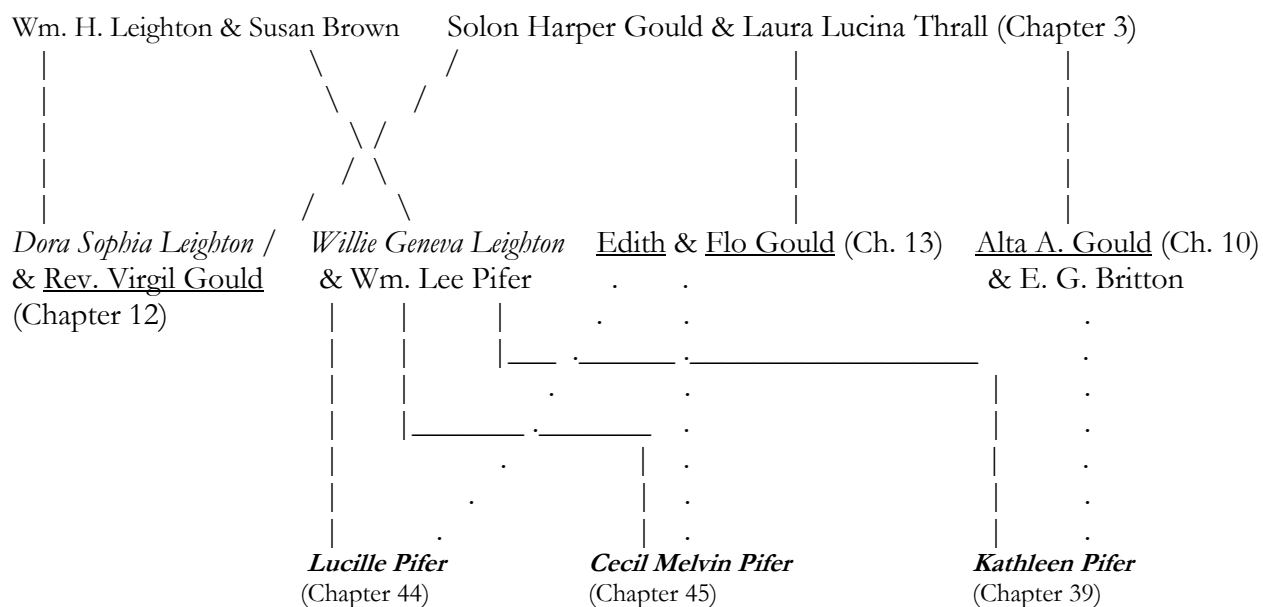
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Social and biological relationships in the Leighton-Gould-Pifer families



Italics = Leighton siblings

Underlines = Gould siblings

Bold italics = Pifer siblings

.... = social/adoptive connections

| _ = biological connections

CHAPTER 12. VIRGIL GOULD–DORA LEIGHTON FAMILY

“In politics you played the game / No fiend would stoop to do”

12. VIRGIL NATHAN⁹ GOULD (Laura Lucina Thrall⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹)

Birth: 5 August 1868⁴¹⁹ near Bone Gap

Death: 16 November 1959, Lawrenceville Methodist Old Folks Home, Lawrence County

Burial: Bone Gap Cemetery⁴²⁰

Spouse: **DORA SOPHIA LEIGHTON**, married 11 May 1893 in Alleghany County, Virginia⁴²¹

Spouse’s parents: William and Virginia Susan (Brown) Leighton⁴²²

Spouse’s birth: 2 August 1871 in Virginia (probably Covington, Alleghany County)

Spouse’s death: 3 December 1957 at the Methodist Home in Lawrenceville

Spouse’s burial: Bone Gap Cemetery

At age 10, in December–January 1877–1878, Virgil attended 22 days of school at College Hill, Edwards County.⁴²³ Virgil and Dora both had four years of high school.⁴²⁴ In 1900 Virgil was farming in Bone Gap and the family lived next to his father Solon and sisters Edith and Flora; also in the household was painter Robert Leighton, Dora’s brother.⁴²⁵ Virgil joined the Southern Illinois Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1907.⁴²⁶ In 1910 he was a preacher and they were living in Sumner, Lawrence County.⁴²⁷ In 1920 the family was in Sugar Creek, Clinton County.⁴²⁸

In 1926 Virgil published a poem, “Inferno Up-to-Date,” in which a Congressman found himself in hell even though he had lived a virtuous life and voted “dry” (for Prohibition); but Satan explained to him that “In politics you played the game / No fiend would stoop to do.”⁴²⁹

In 1928 he was pastor of the Union Methodist Church at Freeburg, St. Clair County.⁴³⁰ In 1930 they were in Zeigler, Franklin County, next door to daughter Areta and family, renting but with a radio.⁴³¹ In 1935 the family was in East St. Louis, St. Clair County. In 1940 Virgil and Dora were across the Mississippi River, living in a \$6000 house they owned on Telegraph Road in Lemay Township, St. Louis County, Missouri. (That year an average Missouri dwelling was valued at TK.) Neither had an occupation listed, and given his age and working Methodist ministers being too mobile to buy homes, he likely was retired.⁴³²

⁴¹⁹ Family questionnaire 15 June 1899, Solon H. Gould pension file 743,817 (service of Solon H. Gould, Co. B, 18th Ill. Inf. and Co. 90, Batt. 2, Veteran Reserve Corps), Case Files of Approved Pension Applications..., 1861–1934; Civil War and Later Pension Files, Record Group 15, Dept. of Veterans Affairs, National Archives and Records Administration [NARA], Washington, D.C.

⁴²⁰ “Retired Minister; Former Bone Gap Resident is Dead” (Rev. Virgil Gould), *Albion Journal Register* (Ill.), Wed. 18 Nov. 1959, p. 1, col. 1.

⁴²¹ Dora S. Leighton–Virgil N. Gould marriage 11 May 1893, Alleghany Co., Va., register of marriages, p. 48, line 30; FHL 30,523, DGS 7,578,829, image 122 of 206. Also, “Retired Minister; Former Bone Gap Resident is Dead,” *Albion Journal*, Wed. 18 Nov. 1959, p. 1, col. 1.

⁴²² “Mrs. Dora Gould died at Lawrenceville,” clipping from unknown newspaper (quite possibly the *Albion Journal*) labeled “Dec 57,” in author’s possession. For exact date, “Central Illinois Deaths...Mrs. Virgil Gould,” *Daily Illinois State Journal* (Springfield), Wed. 4 Dec. 1957, p. 26, col. 2.

⁴²³ “Miscellaneous School Records, Edwards County, Illinois, 1865, 1873–1875, 1878–1880, 1883 and 1888,” College Hill “18 December–January 17th 1878,” typescript evidently transcribed from a standard “Schedule of a Common School,” 12; copy in author’s possession, likely from Edwards County Historical Society, Albion, Ill. Teacher D. M. Dean was paid \$37.50.

⁴²⁴ Virgil Gould household, 1940 U.S. census, Lemay Twp., St. Louis Co., Mo., ED 95-183, sh. 9B, dw. 238.

⁴²⁵ Virgil N. Gould household, 1900 U.S. census, Bone Gap, Edwards Co., Ill., ED 16, sh. 4B, dw./fam. 73.

⁴²⁶ *Centennial McKendree College with St. Clair County History* (Lebanon, Ill.: McKendree College, 1928), 617.

⁴²⁷ Virgil Gould household, 1910 U.S. census, Sumner, Lawrence Co., Ill., Ward 3, ED 123, sh. 8B, dw. 193, fam. 212.

⁴²⁸ Virgil N. Gould household, 1920 U.S. census, Sugar Creek, Clinton Co., Ill., Ward 1, ED 21, sh. 3A, dw./fam. 75.

⁴²⁹ “A Poem A Day,” *Belleville News-Democrat* (Ill.), Wed. 30 June 1926, p. 8, col. 1.

⁴³⁰ *Centennial McKendree College with St. Clair County History* (Lebanon, Ill.: McKendree College, 1928), 617.

⁴³¹ Augie Fowld [Virgil Gould] household, 1930 U.S. census, Zeigler, Franklin Co., Ill., ED 37, sh. 8A, dw./fam. 187.

⁴³² Virgil Gould household, 1940 U.S. census, Lemay Twp., St. Louis Co., Mo., ED 95-183, sh. 9B, dw. 238.

Virgil and Dora served various charges, including (conference years usually began in the autumn, leading to some ambiguity):⁴³³

- * Geff, Wayne County (1907);⁴³⁴
- * Sumner Circuit, Lawrence County (1908–9);⁴³⁵
- * Wheeler, Jasper County (1910);⁴³⁶
- * Noble, Richland County (1911–12);⁴³⁷
- *Steeleville, Randolph County (1913);
- * Jonesboro, Union County (1914–15);⁴³⁸
- * Elkville, Jackson County (1916–17);
- * Trenton, Clinton County (1918–20);⁴³⁹
- * Cisne, Wayne County (1921);⁴⁴⁰
- * Waltonville, Jefferson County (1922–23);⁴⁴¹
- * Freeburg and New Athens, St. Clair County (1924–29);⁴⁴²
- * Orient and Zeigler, Franklin County (1929–1933);⁴⁴³
- * Settlement House, East St. Louis, St. Clair County (1934–5);
- * Dewey Avenue, Granite City, Madison County (1936). He retired in 1937.⁴⁴⁴

⁴³³ “Pastoral Record,” *Journal and Year Book, The Sixth Session of the Southern Illinois Conference of the Methodist Church*, E. St. Louis, 138, covers his full career. Additional information on some charges or sources in the notes.

⁴³⁴ “Areta H. Martin,” *State Journal-Register*, 17 Dec. 1998, p. 38, col. 4.

⁴³⁵ “Appointments,” *Minutes of the 57th Session of the Southern Illinois Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church*, McLeansboro, 16–21 Sept. 1908, p. 29. Also, “Illinois Methodist Conference Ends,” *Paducah Evening Sun* (Ky.), Wed. 29 Sep. 1909, p. 6, cols. 3–4. Also in the Olney district of the Southern Illinois Conference were L. W. Thrall at Flora, H. L. Thrall at Noble, and J. W. Flint at Lawrenceville.

⁴³⁶ “Appointments,” *Minutes of the 59th Session of the Southern Illinois Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church*, Olney, 28 Sep.–3 Oct. 1910, p. 27. This was the year Wheeler apparently had its largest population—255: “Wheeler, Illinois” (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wheeler,_Illinois), citing “Census of Population” (census.gov).

⁴³⁷ “Appointments,” *Minutes of the 60th Session of the Southern Illinois Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church*, E. St. Louis, 22–25 Sep. 1911, p. 24. Also, “Appointments,” *Minutes of the 61st Session of the Southern Illinois Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church*, Cairo, 25–30 Sep. 1912, p. 24.

⁴³⁸ “Appointments,” *Minutes of the Southern Illinois Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church*, Robinson, 4–8 Oct. 1916, p. 13.

⁴³⁹ Virgil N. Gould household, 1920 U.S. census, Sugar Creek Twp., Clinton Co., Ill., Ward 1, ED 21, sh. 3A, dw./fam. 75.

⁴⁴⁰ “Society,” *Bellefonte News-Democrat* (Ill.), Mon. 26 Dec. 1921, p. 2, col. 4. Edwin’s father officiated.

⁴⁴¹ “Appointments,” *Minutes of the 72nd Session of the Southern Illinois Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church*, Benton, 26–30 Sep. 1923, p. 28.

⁴⁴² “Freeburg,” *Bellefonte News-Democrat* (Ill.), Tue. 6 Oct. 1925, p. 12, col. 4; similarly, Sat. 24 Sep. 1927, p. 8, col. 6.

⁴⁴³ Lizzie A. Roth, “Freeburg,” *Bellefonte News-Democrat* (Ill.), Tue. 8 Oct. 1929, p. 5, col. 5. Also, “Southern Illinois Pastors Assigned at Methodist Episcopal Meeting,” *Evansville Courier and Press* (Ind.), Wed. 7 Oct. 1931, p. 5, col. 2. Also, “Pifer–King,” *Daily Republican-Register* (Mt. Carmel, Ill.), Thur. 29 Mar. 1934, p. 3, cols. 5–6. Rev. Virgil Gould of Zeigler officiated at niece Lucille’s wedding.

⁴⁴⁴ “Pastoral Record,” *Journal and Year Book, The Sixth Session of the Southern Illinois Conference of the Methodist Church*, E. St. Louis, 138.

In 1935 he officiated at adoptive niece Kathleen Pifer's wedding (Chapter 39).⁴⁴⁵ In 1949 and 1952 they were living in Gillespie, Macoupin County.⁴⁴⁶ In 1953, both in their 80s, they renewed their wedding vows and celebrated their 60th anniversary with son Victor in Chula Vista, California.⁴⁴⁷ They stayed there until December 1956, when they decided "to join friends and relatives at the rest home" in Lawrenceville.⁴⁴⁸

Children of Virgil Nathan⁹ and Dora Sophia (Leighton) Gould

- 40 i. EDWIN "EDWY" MALCOLM¹⁰ GOULD (Virgil Nathan Gould⁹, Laura Lucina Thrall⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹) was born 11 September 1894 in Bone Gap, and died 15 February 1993 in Palm Beach County, Florida. He married 26 December 1921 in Marissa, St. Clair County, RHODEAN ALICE PERDUE.
- ii. UNKNOWN¹⁰ GOULD (Virgil Nathan Gould⁹, Laura Lucina Thrall⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹) was born perhaps 1896 and died before 1900 (when Dora was reported to have had three children, two living).⁴⁴⁹
- 41 iii. DR. VICTOR LEIGHTON¹⁰ GOULD (Virgil Nathan Gould⁹, Laura Lucina Thrall⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹) was born 23 November 1898 in Bone Gap, and died 11 July 1983 in Los Banos, Merced County, California. He married first about 1920 ELLA LIPPERT, and married second 12 September 1933 in De Soto, Jefferson County, Missouri, GERALDINE ERNESTINE HACKE.
- 42 iv. PAUL GLENWOOD¹⁰ GOULD (Virgil Nathan Gould⁹, Laura Lucina Thrall⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹) was born 21 February 1901; died 2 December 1998 in Lake Worth, Palm Beach County, Florida; and was buried at Lake Worth Memory Gardens Cemetery. He married in the early 1930s ADA L. SHAFFER.
- v. UNKNOWN¹⁰ GOULD (Virgil Nathan Gould⁹, Laura Lucina Thrall⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹) was born perhaps 1904 and died before 1910 (when Dora was reported to have had six children, four living).⁴⁵⁰
- 43 vi. ARETA HOPE¹⁰ GOULD (Virgil Nathan Gould⁹, Laura Lucina Thrall⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹) was born 18 October 1907 in Geff (Jeffersonville), Wayne County; died 15 December 1998 in Urbana, Champaign County; and was buried the 19th in Woodlawn Cemetery there. She married 23 December 1928 in Freeburg, St. Clair County, EMERY H. MARTIN.

⁴⁴⁵ "Bone Gap News," *Mt. Carmel Republican-Register* (Ill.), Wed. 4 Sep. 1935, p. 6, col. 5.

⁴⁴⁶ "Gillespie To Hold Homecoming," *Daily Illinois State Journal* (Springfield), Sat. 28 May 1949, p. 7, col. 4. Also, similarly, "Midstate Happenings," Tue. 20 May 1952, p. 6, col. 1.

⁴⁴⁷ "Rev., Mrs. Virgil Gould Mark 60th Wedding Anniversary," *Chula Vista Star* (Cal.), Thur. 21 May 1953, p. 3, cols. 3-4.

⁴⁴⁸ "Dora S. Gould, Mother of CV Doctor, Dies," *Chula Vista Star-News* (Cal.), Thur. 5 Dec. 1957, p. 8A, col. 3.

⁴⁴⁹ Virgil N. Gould household, 1900 U.S. census, Bone Gap, Edwards Co., Ill., ED 16, sh. 4B, dw./fam. 73. Also, "Mrs. Dora Gould died at Lawrenceville," unidentified Dec. 57 newspaper clipping, which also states, "One child died in infancy."

⁴⁵⁰ Virgil Gould household, 1910 U.S. census, Sumner, Lawrence Co., Ill., Ward 3, ED 123, sh. 8B, dw. 193, fam. 212.

CHAPTER 13. EDITH EVELYN GOULD and FLORA ALICE GOULD

“A primary teacher in the Bone Gap school for 22 years”

13. EDITH EVELYN⁹ GOULD (Laura Lucina Thrall⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹)

Birth: 21 September 1871 at Bone Gap, Edwards County⁴⁵¹

Death: 11 November 1960 at the Methodist Old Folks Home at Lawrenceville, Lawrence County

Burial: Bone Gap Cemetery⁴⁵²

ALICE FLORA “FLO”⁹ GOULD (Laura Lucina Thrall⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹)

Birth: 1 June 1875⁴⁵³

Death: 19 October 1926 in Bone Gap after “an illness of several months”⁴⁵⁴

Burial: Bone Gap Cemetery⁴⁵⁵

“Miss Edith, as she was locally known, was educated at College Hill rural school, McKendree College in Lebanon and the Methodist Deaconess Training School, Northwestern University, Evanston. She was a primary teacher in the Bone Gap school for 22 years, and active in community affairs.” From about 1935 to 1953 she lived with her sister Alta A. Britton in Mounds, Pulaski County; thereafter she moved to the Old Folks Home.⁴⁵⁶ She had three years of college.⁴⁵⁷

In February 1896 Edith and Flora Gould, in their twenties, visited with their similar-age first cousin Edith Laura Thrall in Salem, Marion County,⁴⁵⁸ about 70 miles west of Bone Gap.

In 1898 Edith (Flint) Thrall, the sisters’ aunt by marriage, relayed some cryptic news: “A letter from Edith Gould that came Saturday brought word that after so long a fight with death Flo. has begun to get better. She is still with [sister] Alta. They don’t think it best to bring her [evidently Flo] home for awhile yet. They fear the effect of old association if she should come back before she has recovered a good degree of strength.”⁴⁵⁹

The sisters lived in their father Solon’s household in 1880, 1900, and 1910. In 1910 Edith was a public school teacher and Alice a music teacher.⁴⁶⁰

⁴⁵¹ Family questionnaire 15 June 1899, Solon H. Gould pension file 743,817 (service of Solon H. Gould, Co. B, 18th Ill. Inf. and Co. 90, Batt. 2, Veteran Reserve Corps), Case Files of Approved Pension Applications..., 1861–1934; Civil War and Later Pension Files, Record Group 15, Dept. of Veterans Affairs, National Archives and Records Administration [NARA], Washington, D.C. For August 21 instead, Edith E. Gould listing #324, Duane Smith, comp., “Old Part of [Bone Gap] Cemetery,” handwritten list of 380 numbered burials with names, birth dates, and death dates; photocopy in author’s possession.

⁴⁵² “Edith Evelyn Gould Graveside Services Held Sunday,” clipping from unknown newspaper (quite possibly the *Albion Journal*) dated 16 Nov. 1960, in author’s possession.

⁴⁵³ Family questionnaire 15 June 1899, Solon H. Gould pension file 743,817 (service of Solon H. Gould, Co. B, 18th Ill. Inf. and Co. 90, Batt. 2, Veteran Reserve Corps), Case Files of Approved Pension Applications..., 1861–1934; Civil War and Later Pension Files, Record Group 15, Dept. of Veterans Affairs, National Archives and Records Administration [NARA], Washington, D.C. Also, 1900 U.S. census TK

⁴⁵⁴ “Music Teacher Is Summoned at Bone Gap,” *Mt. Carmel Daily Republican-Register* (Ill.), Fri. 22 Oct. 1926, p. 4, col. 5.

⁴⁵⁵ Flo Gould listing #323, Duane Smith, comp., “Old Part of [Bone Gap] Cemetery,” handwritten list of 380 numbered burials with names, birth dates, and death dates; photocopy in author’s possession.

⁴⁵⁶ “Edith Evelyn Gould Graveside Services Held Sunday,” clipping from unknown newspaper (quite possibly the *Albion Journal*) dated 16 Nov. 1960, in author’s possession. Ed G. Britton household for sister-in-law Edith, 1940 U.S. census, Mounds, Pulaski Co., Ill., ED 27-10, sh. 17A, dw. 355.

⁴⁵⁷ Ed G. Britton household for sister-in-law Edith, 1940 U.S. census, Mounds, Pulaski Co., Ill., ED 27-10, sh. 17A, dw. 355.

⁴⁵⁸ “Local and General,” *Marion County Republican* (Salem, Ill.), Thur. 27 Feb. 1896, p. 5, col. 4.

⁴⁵⁹ Edith Flint Thrall in Lebanon to son William Flint Thrall in Vincennes 4 July 1898, letter; #67 in Flint-Thrall letters, in author’s possession.

⁴⁶⁰ Solon H. Gould household for daughters Edith and Alice, 1880 U.S. census, Albion Pct., Edwards Co., Ill., ED 7, p. 426C, dw. 589, fam. 600. Similarly, 1900, Bone Gap village, ED 16, sheet 4B, dw./fam. 74. Similarly, 1910, Bone Gap village, sheet 3B, dw./fam. 77.

In 1918 the sisters signed an affidavit on behalf of their cousin Allyn T. Morgan's sister-in-law Clarinda Frauli's claim that Clarinda's mother Julia, widow of a Civil War soldier, had no income other than her pension and that the government should pay Julia's end-of-life expenses from the unpaid portion of her pension (Chapter 7).⁴⁶¹ TK INCLUDE SIGS?

In 1920 Flo was teaching music.⁴⁶² She was elected vice-president of the Bone Gap cemetery association in 1922;⁴⁶³ the following year she visited the Olney sanitarium where she "was operated on for a cancer."⁴⁶⁴ Perhaps this was the illness that ended her life at the age of 51.

Shopping in Mt. Carmel 9 October 1926 were Edith and foster children Lucille and Melvin Pifer.⁴⁶⁵ In 1933 an area newspaper called Edith the aunt of the three Pifer siblings;⁴⁶⁶ an adequate approximation, but actually Edith's sister-in-law Dora (Leighton) Gould was their aunt, and Edith was merely the sister of Rev. Victor Gould, the children's uncle by marriage.

As the years went by Edith spent more time with relatives and especially her sister Alta Britton in Mounds. By 1939 an area newspaper put it this way: "Miss Edith Gould of Mounds is spending a few days at her home here [Bone Gap]."⁴⁶⁷ In 1954 she spent several weeks with foster children Melvin and Lucille and their families in Peoria before returning her sister's at Mounds.⁴⁶⁸ In 1958 visitors to the Methodist Home in Lawrencville found her in "excellent spirits and fairly good helath."⁴⁶⁹

Biological children of William Leo and Willie Geneva (Leighton) Pifer (Chapters 11, 39, 44, 45), fostered and reared by Edith and Flora Gould⁴⁷⁰

- 44 i. LUCILLE¹⁰ PIFER was born about 1912 in Virginia; died 12 March 1983 in Sun City, Maricopa County, Arizona; and was buried at Sunland Memorial Park there. She married 18 March 1934 GEORGE Y. KING.
- 45 ii. CECIL MELVIN¹⁰ PIFER was born 14 July 1915 in Covington, Alleghany County, Virginia, and died 15 June 1995 in Phoenix, Maricopa County, Arizona, a retired Air Force lieutenant colonel. He married first 17 June 1938 ROSALIE F. GALEENER, and second as her second husband 23 July 1950 in Great Falls, Cascade County, Montana, KATHRYN INEZ (WILLIAMS) SANDE.

⁴⁶¹ Application for Reimbursement 23 July 1918 by Clarinda E. Frauli, Julia Smith minors' pension file 19130 (service of Andrew Jackson Henshaw, Co. H., 18th Wis. Inf.), Case Files of Approved Pension Applications..., 1861–1934; Civil War and Later Pension Files, Record Group 15, Dept. of Veterans Affairs, National Archives and Records Administration [NARA], Washington, D.C.; pp. 99–101 (fold3.com).

⁴⁶² Edith E. Gould household for sister "Alice F." and "adopted child" Lucille Pifer, 1920 U.S. census, Bone Gap, Edwards Co., Ill., ED 20, sh. 1A, dw./fam. 11.

⁴⁶³ "Albion Licked By Bone Gap" (Bone Gap locals), *Mt. Carmel Daily Republican-Register* (Ill.), Wed. 11 Jan. 1922, p. 2, col. 2.

⁴⁶⁴ "Operators Named by Telephone Co." (Bone Gap locals), *Mt. Carmel Daily Republican-Register* (Ill.), Wed. 28 Mar. 1923, p. 5, col. 3.

⁴⁶⁵ "Mrs. Jack Is Hostess to Country Club" (Bone Gap locals), *Mt. Carmel Daily Republican-Register* (Ill.), Wed. 12 Oct. 1927, p. 4, col. 2.

⁴⁶⁶ "Bone Gap News," *Mt. Carmel Daily Republican-Register* (Ill.), Thur. 6 July 1933, p. 6, col. 3.

⁴⁶⁷ "Bone Gap Personals," *Mt. Carmel Daily Republican-Register* (Ill.), Fri. 14 Apr. 1939, p. 5, col. 5.

⁴⁶⁸ "Bone Gap News," *Daily Republican-Register* (Mt. Carmel, Ill.), Wed. 23 June 1954, p. 6, col. 6.

⁴⁶⁹ "Bone Gap News," *Daily Republican-Register* (Mt. Carmel, Ill.), Fri. 22 Aug. 1958, p. 6, col. 5.

⁴⁷⁰ "Edith Evelyn Gould Graveside Services Held Sunday," clipping from unknown newspaper (quite possibly the *Albion Journal*) dated 16 Nov. 1960, in author's possession.

CHAPTER 14. ETTA CAMPBELL—HARVEY MARSHALL FAMILY

“A prominent planter of this parish . . . active in church and civic affairs”

14. ETTA JANE “ETTIE”⁹ CAMPBELL (Hannah Caroline Thrall⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John^{4,3}, Timothy², William¹)

Birth: February 1877 in Illinois⁴⁷¹

Death: 7 December 1952 in Wichita Falls, Wichita County, Texas, of cancer of the pancreas⁴⁷²

Burial: Jennings, Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana⁴⁷³

Spouse: **HARVEY CENTENNIAL MARSHALL** married 24 January 1900 in Crowley, Louisiana⁴⁷⁴

Spouse’s parents: Robert N. and Eleanor “Ellen” (Milton) Marshall⁴⁷⁵

Spouse’s birth: 15 April 1876 in Abilene, Dickinson County, Kansas⁴⁷⁶

Spouse’s death: 27 September 1946 at Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana⁴⁷⁷

Spouse’s burial:

In 1880 Etta was a “boarder” in Charles and Caroline’s Albion household.⁴⁷⁸ Harvey C. was the four-year-old son of Robert N. Marshall and Ellen [(–?–)] Marshall, living in Newton, Harvey County, Kansas.⁴⁷⁹

Harvey came to Crowley, Acadia Parish, in 1894 and to Jennings, Jefferson Davis Parish, in 1907. “For many years Mr. Marshall was a prominent planter of this parish and had always been active in church and civic affairs. Ill health forced his retirement from active work in 1926.”⁴⁸⁰ In 1928 she was in Jennings.⁴⁸¹

Harvey was a rice planter; they settled on his farm “near Estherwood.”⁴⁸² In 1910 they were in Calcasieu Parish where he rented a rice farm and Etta’s brother Leo was a laborer.⁴⁸³ In 1918 Harvey was of medium height and stout build, with red hair and gray eyes; the family lived on Rural Route 27.⁴⁸⁴ In 1930 and 1940 Harvey and Etta lived in their daughter and son-in-law’s household, first in

⁴⁷¹ Harvey Marshall household for wife “Eda,” married zero years, 1900 U.S. census, Acadia Parish, Police Jury Ward 5, La., Ward 5, ED 7, sh. 8A, dw. 118, fam. 119. They were next door to his older brother Adelbert “Dell” Marshall.

⁴⁷² Elta [Etta] Campbell, Tex. death cert. 53703, 7 Dec. 1952, Wichita Falls; “Texas, Death Certificates, 1903–1982” > Wichita > 1952 > Oct–Dec > image 170 of 240. Daughter Bullah [Beulah] Marshall was the informant.

⁴⁷³ Elta [Etta] Campbell, Tex. death cert. 53703, 7 Dec. 1952, Wichita Falls; “Texas, Death Certificates, 1903–1982” > Wichita > 1952 > Oct–Dec > image 170 of 240.

⁴⁷⁴ “Were Wedded,” *The Crowley Signal* (La.), Sat. 27 Jan. 1900, p. 8, cols. 2–3. Her adoptive father, Rev. Charles W. Campbell, officiated.

⁴⁷⁵ Rorbert N. Marshall household for Harvey C. age 4, 1880 U.S. census, Newton Twp., Harvey Co., Kan., ED 234, p. 457A, dw./fam. 3. If the children’s birthplaces are correct, the Marshall family was in Illinois until about 1866, then Iowa until about 1874, and then in Kansas. Harvey was at least the seventh child; was he named after their new county of residence? For Ellen’s birth surname, see Robert N. Marshall–Eleanor Milton marriage 2035, 16 Dec. 1860, Registry of Marriages in Ogle Co., Ill., C:35; “Illinois, County Marriages, 1810–1940” > 5,204,725 > image 644 of 864 (familysearch.org). For Robert’s middle name, see unsourced assertion, Robert N. Marshall grave marker, South Crowley Cemetery, Acadia Parish, La., memorial 108,430,731 for Robert Newton Marshall by Melanie Perry (findagrave.com).

⁴⁷⁶ Harvey Marshall household for “Eda,” 1900 U.S. census, Acadia Parish, Police Jury Ward 5, La., Ward 5, ED 7, sh. 8A, dw. 118, fam. 119. For specific birthplace, see death record in note below. TK FHC

⁴⁷⁷ Harvey C. Marshall, death 27 Sep. 1946, La. cert. 10284; image 44, FHL 1,221,812. Vol. 10, 1946, Caddo–St. Landry parishes. TK FHC ORIG.

⁴⁷⁸ “Service at Jennings Planned on Saturday,” *Beaumont Journal* (Tex.), Sat. 24 Sep. 1946, p. 2, col. 1. Etta survived Harvey.

⁴⁷⁹ Rorbert N. Marshall household for Harvey C. age 4, 1880 U.S. census, Newton Twp., Harvey Co., Kan., ED 234, p. 457A, dw./fam. 3

⁴⁸⁰ “Service at Jennings Planned on Saturday,” *Beaumont Journal* (Tex.), Sat. 24 Sep. 1946, p. 2, col. 1.

⁴⁸¹ *Centennial McKendree College with St. Clair County History* (Lebanon, Ill.: McKendree College, 1928), p. 279.

⁴⁸² “Were Wedded,” *The Crowley Signal* (La.), Sat. 27 Jan. 1900, p. 8, cols. 2–3.

⁴⁸³ Harvey Marshall household, 1910 U.S. census, Calcasieu Parish, Police Jury Ward 10, ED 51, sh. 23B, dw. 450, fam. 402.

⁴⁸⁴ Harvey “Centennial” Marshall WWI draft card, serial #2828, order #2822, 12 Sep. 1918, Lake Charles, La., local board; “U.S., World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918” > Louisiana > Calcasieu County > Draft Card M > image 235 of 753 (ancestry.com).

New Iberia and then in Lake Charles.⁴⁸⁵ After Harvey's death in 1946, Etta moved to 3309 Barratt in Wichita Falls, Texas, probably to be with her daughter Beulah, who was the informant on her 1952 death certificate.⁴⁸⁶

Children of Etta Jane⁹ (Campbell) and Harvey Centennial Marshall:

- 46 i. CARRIE ELEANOR¹⁰ MARSHALL (Etta Jane Campbell⁹, Hannah Caroline Thrall⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹) was born 1 November 1900 in Louisiana, died 31 January 1977, and was buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Jennings, Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana. She married 17 December 1919 in Calcasieu Parish HOWARD LEE DAUGHENBAUGH.
- 47 ii. BEULAH¹⁰ MARSHALL (Etta Jane Campbell⁹, Hannah Caroline Thrall⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹) was born 11 August 1904 in Louisiana and died 29 December 1983 in Louisiana.

⁴⁸⁵ Howard L. Daughenbaugh household, 1930 U.S. census, New Iberia City, Iberia Parish, Ward 6, ED 8, sh. 2A, dw. 27, fam. 32. Also, Howard L. Daughenbaugh household, 1940 U.S. census, Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish, ED 10-15, sh. 23 B, dw. 555.

⁴⁸⁶ Elta [Etta] Campbell, Tex. death cert. 53703, 7 Dec. 1952, Wichita Falls; "Texas, Death Certificates, 1903-1982" > Wichita > 1952 > Oct-Dec > image 170 of 240.

CHAPTER 15. LEO CAMPBELL—FLEETA CANTWELL FAMILY

“used her musical talents as a soloist, piano teacher, choir director, and church organist and pianist”

15. LEO FRANK⁹ CAMPBELL (Hannah Caroline Thrall⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹)

Birth: 2 April 1892 in Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana, or Giddings, Lee County, Texas⁴⁸⁷

Death: 21 February 1962 at Union County Hospital, Anna, Union County, Illinois⁴⁸⁸

Burial: Cobden Cemetery, Cobden, Union County⁴⁸⁹

Spouse: married 21 September 1915 in Benton, Franklin County, **FLEETA M. CANTWELL**⁴⁹⁰

Spouse's parents: John and Annie (Payne) Cantwell⁴⁹¹

Spouse's birth: 2 December 1898 in St. John, Perry County

Spouse's death: 21 April 1976 in St. Louis, Missouri⁴⁹²

Spouse's burial: Cobden Cemetery, Cobden, Union County⁴⁹³

According to his marriage register entry, Leo was born in West Point, Fayette County, Texas. The same record names C. W. Campbell as his father and leaves his mother's name blank.⁴⁹⁴ The 1940 census also gives a Texas birthplace.⁴⁹⁵ Leo is said to have attended McKendree College for a time TK; he reported two years of college in 1940.⁴⁹⁶

In 1910 Leo was with his sister Etta and brother-in-law Harvey, working on their rice farm in Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana.⁴⁹⁷ Leo's adoptive father, Rev. C. W. Campbell, officiated at Leo and Fleeta's marriage.⁴⁹⁸ In 1917 he was clerking in the general store of H. A. DuBois and Sons in Cobden, Union County. He was described as short, with blue eyes and light brown hair.⁴⁹⁹

In 1920 Leo and Fleeta were in Cobden and he was in “merchandise sales.”⁵⁰⁰ In 1930 he was clerk in a general store there.⁵⁰¹ In 1940 they were renting for \$10 a month; he earned \$1014 as a

⁴⁸⁷ For Lake Charles: Leo F. Campbell, WWI draft card #44, Pct. 1, Cobden, Union Co., Ill., 5 June 1917; “U.S., World War I, Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918” > Illinois > Union County > Draft Card C > image 14 of 343 (ancestry.com). For Giddings: Leo Frank Campbell, WWII draft card serial #787; “U.S., World War II, Draft Registration Cards, 1942 > Camp–Campbell > image 1730 of 2042 (ancestry.com).

⁴⁸⁸ “Leo F. Campbell, Father of Paducah Resident, Dies,” *Paducah Sun-Democrat* (Ky.), 23 Feb. 1962, p. 16A, col. 1.

⁴⁸⁹ Leo Frank Campbell grave marker, Cobden Cemetery, Cobden, Ill., image, memorial #101,879,325 by Alethea England (findagrave.com).

⁴⁹⁰ Leo F. Campbell–Fleeta Campbell marriage 21 Sep. 1915, Franklin Co. marr. rec. I:586, lic. 279; FHL 1,005,312, DGS 4,661,326, image 670 of 676. Also, “Deaths...Fleeta Campbell,” *Southern Illinoisan* (Carbondale), Thur. 22 Apr. 1976, p. 30, col. 5.

⁴⁹¹ Fleeta Cantwell birth (?) index entry, “Illinois, County Marriage Records, 1800–1940,” citing FHL 1,005,308, TK FHC? Also, John Cantwell household for Fleeta age 1, 1900 U.S. census, Du Quoin, Perry Co., Ill., ED 48, sh. 5B, dw. 98, fam. 99.

⁴⁹² “Deaths...Fleeta Campbell,” *Southern Illinoisan* (Carbondale), Thur. 22 Apr. 1976, p. 30, col. 5. For exact place, Leo F. Campbell–Fleeta Campbell marriage 21 Sep. 1915, Franklin Co., Ill., register of marriages p. 407, lic. 279; FHL 1,005,308, DGS 4,661,322, image 216 of 336.

⁴⁹³ Fleeta M. Campbell grave marker, Cobden Cemetery, Cobden, Ill., image, memorial #45,536,724 for Fleeta M. Cantwell Campbell by Alethea England (findagrave.com).

⁴⁹⁴ Leo F. Campbell–Fleeta Campbell marriage 21 Sep. 1915, Franklin Co., Ill., register of marriages p. 407, lic. 279; FHL 1,005,308, DGS 4,661,322, image 216 of 336.

⁴⁹⁵ Leo Campbell household, 1940 U.S. census, Cobden, Union Co., Ill., ED 91-9, sh. 6A, dw. 122.

⁴⁹⁶ *Centennial McKendree College with St. Clair County History* (Lebanon, Ill.: McKendree College, 1928), p. 279. Also, Leo Campbell household, 1940 U.S. census, Cobden, Union Co., Ill., ED 91-9, sh. 6A, dw. 122.

⁴⁹⁷ Harvey Marshall household for son [brother-in-law] Leo Campbell, 1910 U.S. census, Calcasieu Parish, Police Jury Ward 10, ED 51, sh. 23B, dw. 450, fam. 402.

⁴⁹⁸ Leo F. Campbell–Fleeta Campbell marriage 21 Sep. 1915, Franklin Co. marr. rec. I:586, lic. 279; FHL 1,005,312, DGS 4,661,326, image 670 of 676.

⁴⁹⁹ Leo F. Campbell, WWI draft card #44, Pct. 1, Cobden, Union Co., Ill., 5 June 1917; “U.S., World War I, Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918” > Illinois > Union County > Draft Card C > image 14 of 343 (ancestry.com).

⁵⁰⁰ Leo F. Campbell household, 1920 U.S. census, Cobden, Union Co., Ill., ED 138, sh. 9A, dw. 64, fam. 65.

⁵⁰¹ Leo F. Campbell household, 1930 U.S. census, Cobden, Union Co., Ill., ED 9, sh. 13B, dw./fam. 95.

bookkeeper in a box mill, and she earned \$1200 as a social worker for the State of Illinois. He had two years of college and Fleeta four years of high school.⁵⁰² In 1942 he was back at the DuBois and Sons store.⁵⁰³ During the 1950s Fleeta was matron of the IOOF (Odd Fellows) Home in Mattoon, Coles County, and Leo was superintendent. They lived at 1 East Lafayette Heights.⁵⁰⁴ She was a member of Cobden's First Baptist Church, Women's Club, and Rebekah Lodge.⁵⁰⁵

Children of Leo Frank⁹ and Fleeta M. (Cantwell) Campbell:

- 48 i. LEONA "LENA" MAE¹⁰ CAMPBELL (Leo Frank Campbell⁹, Hannah Caroline Thrall⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹) was born 1920 (possibly 13 September) in Illinois; died in 1999 (possibly 31 July); and was buried at Block 10, lot 2D, grave 5 in Cobden Cemetery, Cobden, Union County. She married at Jackson, Cape Girardeau County, Missouri, 19 August 1938 CHESTER EDWARD "JACKIE" PEARSON.
- ii. HELEN MARIE¹⁰ CAMPBELL (Leo Frank Campbell⁹, Hannah Caroline Thrall⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹) was born about 1922 (possibly 26 November) in Illinois; died in 1938 (possibly 1 February, of pneumonia); and was buried at Cobden Cemetery.⁵⁰⁶
- 49 iii. MARY ANNA¹⁰ CAMPBELL (Leo Frank Campbell⁹, Hannah Caroline Thrall⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹) was born about 1932 (possibly 17 August 1931) in Illinois; died 30 October 2013 in Paducah, McCracken County, Kentucky; and was buried at Mount Kenton Cemetery there three days later. She married about 1951 EDWARD AUGUST KOHLER.

⁵⁰² Leo Campbell household, 1940 U.S. census, Cobden, Union Co., Ill., ED 91-9, sh. 6A, dw. 122.

⁵⁰³ TK WW2 card?

⁵⁰⁴ Leo F. Campbell and Fleeta M./F. Campbell entries, *Polk's Mattoon City Directory 1950* (St. Louis: R. L. Polk & Co., 1950), p. 61, image 32; similarly, 1953, p. 58, image 30; 1955, p. 52, image 29.

⁵⁰⁵ "Deaths...Fleeta Campbell," *Southern Illinoisan* (Carbondale), Thur. 22 Apr. 1976, p. 30, col. 5.

⁵⁰⁶ Leo F. Campbell household for daughter Helen Marie age 8, 1930 U.S. census, Cobden, Union Co., Ill., ED 9, sh. 13B, dw./fam. 95. Also, Helen Marie Campbell grave marker, image, Cobden Cemetery, Cobden, Ill., memorial #45,429,616 by Althea England (findagrave.com).

CHAPTER 16. EDITH LAURA THRALL

"Keepers of houses of ill fame were more afraid of [Methodist deaconess Lucy Hall] than of the police."

16. EDITH LAURA⁹ THRALL (Leonidas⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹)

Birth: 1 July 1874 in Freeburg, St. Clair County

Death: 14 June 1950 in Kewanee, Henry County⁵⁰⁷

Burial: College Hill Cemetery, Lebanon, St. Clair County⁵⁰⁸

Leonidas wrote to his mother and sister 7 July 1874,

Wednesday—July 1st—was a day of rejoicing in our little household. Of course the little chrub is pretty and from her mouth upwards—including her ears—she resembles Carrie more nearly than any other of her relations. Her eyes are blue; her mouth is Edith's exactly. She is twenty two inches long and has been generally reckoned to weigh about nine pounds though she has not been weighed.⁵⁰⁹

Years later Edith recalled her and brother Will's childhood:

As a baby Will was not well and was fretful. My father [Leonidas] took a good deal of the care of him because mother was unable to do it. [At one point, suffering with asthma, she sat on the floor for four days and nights, because she could breathe more easily with her head leaning forward on a chair.] He would softly sing to him, 'Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing' to the tune of Greenville. . . .

During Will's first or second summer [1881 or 1882] I was ill and very puny. They sent me to Bone Gap for the country air and milk. While I was there they wrote that the baby [Will] was very ill. I was homesick enough any way but that was almost too much. But the worst was when Cousin Cretie [Lucretia Morgan, Chapter 9] would play the organ and sing "Then scatter the seeds of kindness." I didn't have any feelings of a bad conscience but the verse that floored me went,

"If we knew the baby fingers
Pressed against the window pane
Would be cold and stiff tomorrow
Never trouble us again,
Would the bright eyes of our darling
Catch the frown upon our brow?
Would the dainty baby fingers
Vex us then as they do now?"⁵¹⁰

⁵⁰⁷ "Edith Thrall Dies; Was Veteran Teacher," *The Daily Dispatch* (Moline, Ill.), Wed. 14 June 1950, p. 4, col. 5.

⁵⁰⁸ Edith Thrall grave marker, image, College Hill Cemetery, Lebanon, St. Clair Co., Ill., memorial 12,068,898 for Edith L. Thrall by Alberta Daniels Withrow (findagrave.com).

⁵⁰⁹ Leonidas W. Thrall in Freeburg to "Mother & Sister" in Bone Gap 7 July 1874; Flint-Thrall letters #17, in author's possession.

⁵¹⁰ Edith Laura Thrall, "Will's Childhood," typescript of family memories written between his death (15 Oct. 1941) and hers (14 June 1950).

Edith entered McKendree College in 1889 and graduated with the degree of A.B. in 1895. “She immediately entered upon a course of post-graduate study and was granted the degree of A.M. in 1896, and Ph.D. in 1898 by her Alma Mater. She was a member of the Clionian Literary Society.” An authority on Shakespeare and the Bible,⁵¹¹ she spent one year as assistant principal of Marissa (St. Clair County) high school; two years teacher in the Lebanon (St. Clair County) public schools; one year assistant principal of Morrison (Whiteside County) high school; and 25 years teaching at Jennings Seminary in Aurora (Kane County). A member of the Methodist Episcopal Church since early youth, she also engaged in deaconess work.”⁵¹² In 1906 she was at the Chicago Training School for City, Home, and Foreign Missions at 4949 Indiana Avenue.⁵¹³

“Later she was on the staff of the Methodist Old Peoples’ Home on Foster Avenue in Chicago. Her vacations were spent either in further study at the University of Chicago or visiting her family. At least one niece remembers her with special gratitude for her patient teaching clumsy little fingers skills like tatting, crocheting, and knitting. In all phases of her work, in addition to her knowledge and wisdom, she showed a remarkable integrity and empathy with people.”⁵¹⁴

In 1929 brother Will advised her on possible ways of getting her “reading report scheme” published.⁵¹⁵ In 1936 she was housemother at the Methodist Hospital Nurses Home at 224 Crescent Avenue in Peoria, Peoria County.⁵¹⁶ Her networking skills should not be overlooked. In the 1940s when her niece Elizabeth Henderson was considering what to do after medical school, Edith relayed information about Pine Mountain Settlement School in southeastern Kentucky, where Elizabeth and her husband spent several years.⁵¹⁷

In July 1944 she spoke on great deaconesses in the Methodist Church: “Long remembered for a unique work in Rescue work among girls lost in the city of Chicago is Miss Lucy Hall. . . . One outstanding feature of her work was her almost instinctive knowledge as to where to look for the one she was to find. Also it was noteworthy that keepers of houses of ill fame were more afraid of her than of the police. She knew just what she had a legal right to do and they knew that she knew and that she was absolutely not to be bought off nor was she the least bit fearful. The girl was produced when Miss Hall appeared.”

Edith was impressed in a different way when she helped Miss Hall at a church service with the “girls” from the houses of ill repute. “They knew all the Sunday School songs we announced. The thought in my mind was that the S.S. had had a chance with them but had signally failed.”⁵¹⁸

⁵¹¹ Rosalie (Thrall) Carmichael, “Thrall Genealogy” (17-page typescript on onion skin in red binder, by Rosalie Thrall Carmichael although no author is named), 8; in author’s possession, Tub 2, item 34.

⁵¹² *Centennial McKendree College with St. Clair County History* (Lebanon, Ill.: McKendree College, 1928), 357. For Jennings Seminary, “Edith Thrall Dies; Was Veteran Teacher,” *The Daily Dispatch* (Moline, Ill.), Wed. 14 June 1950, p. 4, col. 5.

⁵¹³ W. F. Thrall in Flora to Edith L. Thrall at 4949 Indiana Ave., Chicago, letter, 1 Nov. 1906; in author’s possession, tub 13, binder 325.

⁵¹⁴ Rosalie (Thrall) Carmichael, “Thrall Genealogy” (17-page typescript on onion skin in red binder, by Rosalie Thrall Carmichael although no author is named), 8; in author’s possession, Tub 2, item 34.

⁵¹⁵ William F. Thrall in Chapel Hill, N.C., to Edith L. Thrall in Aurora, Ill., letter, 28 Aug. 1929; in author’s possession, tub 13, binder 326. What the scheme was and what became of it is unknown.

⁵¹⁶ Edith L. Thrall entry, *Peoria (Peoria County, Ill.) City Directory 1936* (Peoria: R.L. Polk & Co., 1936), p. 613, image 310 of 505 (ancestry.com).

⁵¹⁷ Personal knowledge of author. TK?

⁵¹⁸ Edith L. Thrall, “Outstanding Women in the Deaconess Movement,” 7-8, undated typescript of a talk late 1944 (it mentions the Normandy invasion) and probably given more than once, in author’s possession.

CHAPTER 17. VICTOR THRALL—CARRIE JONES FAMILY

“We will be besieged to go to war again. We will be told it is to save democracy.”

17. VICTOR WORTHY⁹ THRALL (Leonidas⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹)

Birth: 19 April 1877 in Hartford, Lyon County, Kansas

Death: 21 August 1963 in Knoxville, Knox County, Tennessee

Burial: College Hill Cemetery, Lebanon, St. Clair County⁵¹⁹

Spouse: married 25 December 1903 **CARRIE FRANCES JONES**

Spouse's parents: Alfred C. and B. Cornelia (Hauser) Jones,⁵²⁰ who were married in August 1858⁵²¹

Spouse's Birth: 3 April 1877 in St. Clair County⁵²²

Spouse's Death: 6 July 1952 in Knoxville, Knox County, Tennessee

Spouse's Burial: 9 July at College Hill Cemetery, Lebanon, St. Clair County⁵²³

Carrie

Both Victor and Carrie excelled in oratory. His reminiscences always proudly included reference to her being the only person who ever beat him in an oratorical contest. This was at McKendree, a contest between Plato, Philo and Clio (literary societies).⁵²⁴

The youngest of four children, Carrie was educated at McKendree and was valedictorian of the class of 1897, receiving the degree of A.B.⁵²⁵ She taught school in O'Fallon, St. Clair County, for four years. She was “an accomplished musician and an elocutionist.”⁵²⁶ As of 8 June 1912, “Mrs. V. W. Thrall of Litchfield,” Macoupin County, was visiting “her sister, Mrs. O. C. Pfennighausen.”⁵²⁷ This would be her oldest sister, Sara Evelyn.⁵²⁸

Carrie Frances Jones Thrall was remembered by her children as beautiful, tall, willowy, dignified, poised, and affectionate—“a sprightly conversationalist but amazingly slow to show any anger whatever. . . . She had unusual success as an organizer and teacher of young adult Sunday School

⁵¹⁹ Rev. Victor W. Thrall grave marker, image, College Hill Cemetery, Lebanon, St. Clair Co., Ill., memorial 12,068,903 for Victor Worthy Thrall by Alberta Daniels Withrow (findagrave.com).

⁵²⁰ Alfred C. Jones family grave marker, image, Shiloh Valley Cemetery, Shiloh, St. Clair Co., Ill., memorial 102,279,364 for Alfred Cowles Jones by Jimbo1937 (findagrave.com). Listed on the stone are father Alfred C. 1822–1913, mother B. Cornelia 1836–1915, and children: Mary L. 1859–1860, Charles F. 1861–1862, Gussie 1867–1872, Willie 1872–1872, and Cora Belle 1865–1875. Four others including Carrie, the youngest, lived at least until the 1880 census. TK Rosalie for Hauser name?

⁵²¹ “Weds Schoolmate,” *The Daily News Democrat* (Belleville, Ill.), Sat. 26 Dec. 1903, p. 2, col. 5. For approximate wedding date, “Thrall–Bell Wedding Is Solemnized,” *The Enquirer and Evening News* (Battle Creek, Mich.), Sun. 27 Aug. 1933, p. 6, col. 6. Granddaughter Evelyn Thrall married almost exactly 75 years after B. Caroline, her maternal grandmother.

⁵²² Alfred C. Jones household, 1880 U.S. census, T2N R7W, St. Clair Co., Ill., ED 39, p. 162A, dw./fam. 9. Also, “Pastor to Wesley Church Named,” *Chicago Tribune*, Sat. 13 Dec. 1913, p. 16, col. 5.

⁵²³ “Obituaries . . . Thrall, Mrs. Carrie Jones,” *Knoxville News-Sentinel* (Tenn.), Mon. 7 July 1952, p. 13, col. 1. Also p. 12, col. 6. Also, Carrie Jones Thrall grave marker, image, College Hill Cemetery, Lebanon, St. Clair Co., Ill., memorial 12,068,896 for Carrie Frances Jones Thrall by Alberta Daniels Withrow (findagrave.com).

⁵²⁴ Rosalie (Thrall) Carmichael, “Thrall Genealogy” (17-page typescript on onion skin in red binder, by Rosalie Thrall Carmichael although no author is named), pp 9-10; in author's possession, Tub 2, item 34.

⁵²⁵ *Centennial McKendree College with St. Clair County History* (Lebanon, Ill.: McKendree College, 1928), 369.

⁵²⁶ “Weds Schoolmate,” *The Daily News Democrat* (Belleville, Ill.), Sat. 26 Dec. 1903, p. 2, col. 5.

⁵²⁷ “Personal Paragraphs,” *Belleville News Democrat* (Ill.), Sat. 8 June 1912, p. 2, col. 4.

⁵²⁸ *Centennial McKendree College with St. Clair County History* (Lebanon, Ill.: McKendree College, 1928), 338–39.

Classes. . . They had the reputation of always leaving parsonage houses and grounds more attractive than they found them.”⁵²⁹

Victor was salutatorian of McKendree’s class of 1899. “After a year in the pastorate he entered Garrett Biblical Institute and received the degree of B.D. from that institution in 1903. He also received the degree of Ph.D. from McKendree.”⁵³⁰ He was “much in demand as a speaker at Epworth League Institutes and other young peoples’ assemblies.”⁵³¹ Of his first 26 years in the ministry, nineteen of his charges were downtown city churches or churches attended by college and university students.⁵³²

Their charges included: TK GCAH for OBIT IN MICHIGAN? Check Mich. and Ill. annuals

- * Farina, Fayette County, 1903–1906⁵³³ when they were married;
- * O’Fallon, St. Clair County, 1904;
- * Litchfield, Macoupin County, 1912;
- * Wesley Methodist, Belden and North Halsted Streets, Chicago, Cook County, 1913–16;⁵³⁴
- * Evanston Covenant, Cook County, 1916–19;⁵³⁵
- * First Methodist, Clark and Washington, Chicago Loop, 1919–20, where he managed the Centenary program and raised \$3.2 million;⁵³⁶
- * Dixon, Lee County, 1920–21;⁵³⁷
- * Knoxville, Knox County, Tennessee 1921–25;⁵³⁸
- * Albion, Calhoun County, Michigan, 1925–28;⁵³⁹
- * Battle Creek, Calhoun County, Michigan, 1928–1933;⁵⁴⁰

⁵²⁹ Rosalie (Thrall) Carmichael, “Thrall Genealogy” (17-page typescript on onion skin in red binder, by Rosalie Thrall Carmichael although no author is named), pp 9-10; in author’s possession, Tub 2, item 34.

⁵³⁰ *Centennial McKendree College with St. Clair County History* (Lebanon, Ill.: McKendree College, 1928), p. 369.

⁵³¹ *Centennial McKendree College with St. Clair County History* (Lebanon, Ill.: McKendree College, 1928), p. 369.

⁵³² “City’s Religious Sprit Finds Expression,” *Battle Creek Inquirer and Evening News* (Mich.), Tue. 1 Jan. 1929, sec. 3, p. 1, col. 5.

⁵³³ “In Pulpit [sic] and Pew,” *Republican* (Salem, Ill.), Thur. 4 May 1906, p. 8, col. 2, where Victor is said to be from Farina.

⁵³⁴ TK

⁵³⁵ Rev. W. B. Norton, “Warns Pastors They May Have Lower Salaries,” *Chicago Tribune*, Tue. 10 Oct. 1916, p. 6, col. 1. Also, “Evanston Pastor To Take Up New Work,” *Chicago Tribune*, Tue. 9 Sep. 1919, p. 18, col. 6.

⁵³⁶ “News of the Religious World,” *Chicago Tribune*, Sun. 7 Dec. 1919, part 7, p. 8, cols. 3-4. Also, *Centennial McKendree College with St. Clair County History* (Lebanon, Ill.: McKendree College, 1928), 369.

⁵³⁷ “Chicago Preacher Accepts Call from Dixon M.E. Church,” *Dixon Evening Telegraph* (Ill.), Fri. 15 Oct. 1920, p. 1, col. 8. “He is a young man, full of enthusiasm for his work, is a pulpit orator of ability and possesses a personality which it is felt sure will make him a host of friends in this community.”

⁵³⁸ “Big Reception for Dr. Thrall in New Charge,” *Dixon Evening Telegraph* (Ill.), Mon. 24 Oct. 1921, p. 2, col. 6.

⁵³⁹ “Rev. Thrall in Albion Pulpit,” *The Battle Creek Moon-Journal* (Mich.), Fri. 2 Oct. 1925, p. 9, col. 3.

⁵⁴⁰ “New Ministers for Pulpits Here,” *The Enquirer and Evening News* (Battle Creek, Mich.), Sun. 9 Sep. 1928, p. 8, cols. 4–5. Also, Victor W. Thrall household, 1930 U.S. census, Battle Creek, Calhoun Co., Mich., ED 24, sh. 12B, dw. 185, fam. 289.

* District Superintendent, Big Rapids, Mecosta County, Michigan, 1933–38;⁵⁴¹

* Parchment, Kalamazoo County, Michigan, 1938–1946;⁵⁴²

* Lake Odessa, Ionia County, Michigan, 1946–48?⁵⁴³

In June 1950 they were living in Fountain City, Knoxville, Knox County, Tennessee.⁵⁴⁴

“He was a very strong pulpit man with a warm outgoing personality which made him also a strong pastor, shepherd of his flock. That strong Thrall sense of humor was always there to keep life interesting. In the pulpit he excelled in attracting large night congregations to his outstanding dramatic religious book sermons. The books of Ian MacLaren and Robert Burns were particularly popular with the churches of his district. In appreciation of his generous use of his talent the churches of his district made him a present of a trip to Scotland enabling him to visit the settings of the books.”⁵⁴⁵

About 1917 when he was in Evanston, Victor wrote his brothers, “Bishop Mitchell raised thunder at preacher’s meeting Monday morning. He used some very indiscreet remarks in talking to the German brethren about how they ‘have to keep your mouths shut now.’ It was about the war. Then he told how the German people here stood with respect to the kaiser. The German brethren spoke back, nothing in any way disloyal to the flag. Then he lost his balance and things flew hot for a while. It was a battle back and forth. There was no excuse in his doing what he did.”⁵⁴⁶

No doubt this experience shaped his attitude when the war drums were again beaten in 1939: “We will be besieged to go to war again. We will be told it is to save democracy. We didn’t save it the last time; we nearly lost it. . . . [The only way for Americans to save democracy] is to save it in America.”⁵⁴⁷

In 1929, he wrote hopefully that the many Christian denominations would come together in the near future:

One of the greatest movements in modern Christianity is that which looks toward organizing a union of the various Protestant churches. It is a movement with which I am heartily in accord. The Methodist church at its general conference in May, 1928, appointed a commission to receive overtures from and make overtures toward churches of like minds looking toward closer cooperation and organization of American churches. This is not limited to churches of similar creed, faith or organization, but includes all those that have a mind to unite.

The Presbyterian church and the Methodist church are now considering such a merger. Both churches voted in favor of consolidation at their national conferences and all that

⁵⁴¹ “Pastors Change at M.E. Church,” *The Enquirer and Evening News* (Battle Creek, Mich.), Mon. 1 Jan. 1934, sec. 1A, p. 2, col. 6.

⁵⁴² “Bishop Changes One Pastor Here,” *The Enquirer and News* (Battle Creek, Mich.), Mon. 10 June 1946, p. 2, col. 8.

⁵⁴³ “Scholarship Created By Hastings Church,” *The Enquirer and News* (Battle Creek, Mich.), Fri. 13 Feb. 1948, p. 14, col. 3.

⁵⁴⁴ “Edith Thrall Dies; Was Veteran Teacher,” *The Daily Dispatch* (Moline, Ill.), Wed. 14 June 1950, p. 4, col. 5.

⁵⁴⁵ Rosalie (Thrall) Carmichael, “Thrall Genealogy” (17-page typescript on onion skin in red binder, by Rosalie Thrall Carmichael although no author is named), pp 9-10; in author’s possession, tub 2, item 34.

⁵⁴⁶ Victor W. Thrall letter to “Dear Boys” (his brothers), dated “Wednesday afternoon” but on stationary for an August 1917 Epworth League Institute; in author’s possession, tub 13, binder 326.

⁵⁴⁷ “Dr. Thrall Warns ‘Peace Trek’ Of War’s Danger to Democracy,” *The Enquirer and Evening News* (Battle Creek, Mich.), Sun. 12 Nov. 1939, p. 6, cols. 2–3.

remains to be done is an agreement as to organization. . . . These two systems [episcopal vs. congregational] will have to be compromised, probably with sacrifice on the part of both churches. However, I feel that both would be willing to forego some of their established customs to come to an agreement. . . . I look for a great deal of consolidation of this kind during the next ten years, and I shall use every influence in my power to help such a movement.⁵⁴⁸

Children of Victor Worthy⁹ and Carrie Frances (Jones) Thrall

- 50 i. EDITH FLINT¹⁰ THRALL (Victor Worthy⁹, Leonidas⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹) was born 7 October 1904 in O'Fallon, St. Clair County; and died 23 April 1989; where?? TK. She married 16 or 26 August 1926 in Albion, Calhoun County, Michigan, GEORGE ANSEL MOOERS.
- 51 ii. EVELYN GRACE¹⁰ THRALL (Victor Worthy⁹, Leonidas⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹) was born 27 December 1907, where? TK died 15 June 1987 at the University of Tennessee hospital, and was buried at Ozone Cemetery, Cumberland County, Tennessee. She married in Battle Creek, Calhoun County, Michigan, 26 August 1933 JOSHUA "JESS" JENNINGS BIRD.
- iii. FRANCES HELEN¹⁰ THRALL (Victor Worthy⁹, Leonidas⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹) was born and died 1913,⁵⁴⁹ probably in Chicago (parents' residence), and died young.
- 52 iv. VICTOR WORTHY¹⁰ THRALL, JR. (Victor Worthy⁹, Leonidas⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹) was born 10 February 1918 in Evanston, Cook County, and died 12 December 2000 in Pekin, Tazewell County. He married 10 May 1941 in Pekin DONNA M. BROWN.

⁵⁴⁸ Victor W. Thrall letter to editor, *The Enquirer and Evening News* (Battle Creek, Mich.), Sun. 9 June 1929, p. 8, col. 4.

⁵⁴⁹ Rosalie (Thrall) Carmichael in "Thrall Genealogy" (17-page typescript on onion skin in red binder, by Rosalie although no author is named), 9; in author's possession, tub 2, item 34.

CHAPTER 18. WILLIAM THRALL—ENOLA KEISLING FAMILY
“A man who could see around a corner”

18. WILLIAM FLINT⁹ THRALL (Leonidas⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John^{4,3}, Timothy², William¹)
Birth: 15 December 1880 in Ashley, Washington County
Death: 15 October 1941 of prostate cancer in Chapel Hill, Madison County, North Carolina⁵⁵⁰
Burial: College Hill Cemetery, Lebanon, St. Clair County⁵⁵¹
Spouse: married in Irvington or Richview, Washington County,⁵⁵² 6 January 1906 **ENOLA LOUDICY KEISLING**
Spouse's parents: Willard and Charlotte Jane (Carter) Keisling⁵⁵³
Spouse's birth: 7 August 1878 in Brownstown, Fayette County
Spouse's death: of cerebral thrombosis 17 August 1950 in East Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, Ohio
Spouse's burial: College Hill Cemetery, Lebanon, St. Clair County⁵⁵⁴

Enola

In 1880 the Keisling family was farming in Sefton, Fayette County.⁵⁵⁵ In 1900 Willard was a preacher in Hutsonville, Crawford County, TK S. ILL CONF> and daughter “E.L.” (Enola) was cashier in a department store.⁵⁵⁶ Enola “sang in choirs, she painted pictures and china, she wrote and illustrated children’s books and her special hobby was writing sonnets—which she did the way some people do cross-word puzzles.”⁵⁵⁷ In 1902 she became part of a quartette at McKendree, which “sang together for several years, not only on the Clio public programs, but also they rendered frequent service at funerals, conventions, and other occasions where good music was in demand.” She graduated in 1905.⁵⁵⁸

Her father Willard was as of 1928 a retired member of the Southern Illinois Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.⁵⁵⁹ TK S. ILL?

⁵⁵⁰ William Flint Thrall death cert. ; “North Carolina, Death Certificates, 1909-1976” > Onslow > 1941 > October > image 13 of 17 (ancestry.com).

⁵⁵¹ William Flint Thrall grave marker, image, College Hill Cemetery, Lebanon, St. Clair Co., Ill., memorial 12,068,904 by Alberta Daniels Withrow (findagrave.com).

⁵⁵² “Items of Local Interest,” *Salem Herald-Advocate* (Ill.), Fri. 19 Jan. 1906, p. 1, col. 1. For Richview: “William Flint Thrall,” in Winfield Scott Downs, ed., *Encyclopedia of American Biography*, new series, 16:63–65 (N.Y. City: The American Historical Company, 1943).

⁵⁵³ Enola Thrall death cert. 47666, 17 Aug. 1950, E. Cleveland, Cuyahoga Co., Oh.; “Ohio Deaths, 1908–1953” > 1950 > 47201–50000 > image 509 of 3125 (familysearch.org). She had been living at 2588 Canterbury Rd., Cleveland Hts. Informant was daughter Rosalie T. Carmichael. Also, for Charlotte’s birth surname, undated email to author, early 2000s, from Kathryn Keisling Fanning.

⁵⁵⁴ Enola Keisling Thrall grave marker, image, College Hill Cemetery, Lebanon, St. Clair Co., Ill., memorial 12,068, 900 for Enola L. Keisling Thrall by Alberta Daniels Withrow (findagrave.com).

⁵⁵⁵ Willard Keisling household, 1880 U.S. census, Sefton, Fayette Co., Ill., ED 97, p. 105A, dw. 120, fam. 121.

⁵⁵⁶ M. Kushing [Rev. W. Keisling] household, 1900 U.S. census, Hutsonville, Crawford Co., Ill., ED 38, sh. 6A, dw./fam. 122.

⁵⁵⁷ Rosalie (Thrall) Carmichael, “Thrall Genealogy” (17-page typescript on onion skin in red binder, by Rosalie Thrall Carmichael although no author is named), 12; in author’s possession, Tub 2, item 34.

⁵⁵⁸ *Centennial McKendree College with St. Clair County History* (Lebanon, Ill.: McKendree College, 1928), 314.

⁵⁵⁹ *Centennial McKendree College with St. Clair County History* (Lebanon, Ill.: McKendree College, 1928), 375.

Will

At age 13, Will wrote a marathon letter 2–3 December 1894 to his older siblings Edith and Victor and cousin Edith Gould. Among the events, he noted, “I heard ‘Billy’ Bryan of Nebraska speak here Thursday night at the court house on the subject of ‘Money’ advocating free silver bimetalism and nearly everything else.”⁵⁶⁰ “Billy” of course was William Jennings Bryan, “The Great Commoner” who later ran for president in 1896 (at age 36, the youngest person ever to do so), 1900, and 1908. Bryan’s father Silas Lillard Bryan graduated from McKendree in 1849.⁵⁶¹

Although Will’s birth almost took his mother’s life, there was a close bond between them, sister Edith L. Thrall later wrote.

When Will was about fifteen [1895] mother was very ill and the doctor had told her she didn’t have a half hour to live. He couldn’t find any pulse. We were all in the room around the bed. It was in the middle of the night. Will was standing at the foot of the bed. She said afterwards that at the minute the doctor said she couldn’t live much longer she glanced up and saw him looking at her and thought, “Yes, I will live. I have to for him.” She did live two years more.⁵⁶²

Judging from letters between Will and his mother, he spent the summer of 1898 doing sales work, possibly door-to-door, in various towns, with at least some success. The specifics were not discussed (everybody knew them!) but she did offer some reflections on the experience:

You are climbing one of lifes hills this summer, Willie. There are still higher ones before you but you will never climb another with the inexperience with which you set out last June. You may have lost some faith in humanity but you are now better able to value the world’s promises at their real price or worth.⁵⁶³

Will “apparently inherited his mother’s ‘asthmatic’ weakness. After graduation from McKendree College where he was an active member of the Platonian Literary Society and also a member of the football team, Southern Illinois champions in 1900, and some time spent doing journalistic work at the St. Louis Worlds Fair, he spent two seasons teaching a one-room frontier school in Blue, Arizona.”⁵⁶⁴ A 4 November 1902 letter he sent back home for publication in the “Journal” (possibly Albion?) described some of his experiences:

Our party of six left Luna, New Mexico, the morning of Aug. 11. . . . After a day and half of travel, mostly on horseback, we reached the White Mountains which lie in the extreme eastern edge of Arizona . . . The next morning we set out on a fishing expedition down the Black River. To me, who had never fished except for perch and cat fish in the muddy streams of Southern Illinois, this trip was a revelation. The waters ran perfectly clear and enabled us to see the sand and gravel at the river bottom through several feet of water. . . . We soon caught as many trout as we could use for two or three days. . . .

⁵⁶⁰ W. F. Thrall in Salem to Victor and Edith Thrall and Edith Gould in Lebanon, letter, 2–3 Dec. 1894; in author’s possession.

⁵⁶¹ *Centennial McKendree College with St. Clair County History* (Lebanon, Ill.: McKendree College, 1928), 152.

⁵⁶² Rosalie (Thrall) Carmichael, “Thrall Genealogy” (17-page typescript on onion skin in red binder, by Rosalie although no author is named), 12; in author’s possession, Tub 2, item 34. TK CHECK CITATION

⁵⁶³ Edith (Flint) Thrall in Lebanon to son William F. Thrall in Flora, letter, 24 July 1898; in author’s possession.

⁵⁶⁴ Rosalie (Thrall) Carmichael, “Thrall Genealogy” (17-page typescript on onion skin in red binder, by Rosalie Thrall Carmichael although no author is named), 12; in author’s possession, Tub 2, item 34.

In a recent letter to the *Journal* I spoke disparagingly of the Mormon religion. While I have little or no respect for the religion I must say that there are many fine people among the Mormons—simple, hospitable and industrious, but I am uncharitable enough to attribute these qualities not to their religion but rather that they are in spite of Mormonism.⁵⁶⁵

This sojourn may also have been made in hopes of improving his health.⁵⁶⁶ Later he spent five years (1904–1909) teaching Latin and English in Illinois high schools (including Flora and Decatur). His heart was not in every aspect of high-school work, however: in November 1906, when he was the high-school principal in Flora (Clay County), he wrote to his sister Edith:

Second month closes next Friday. We are today choosing a field to fit up for a track for the spring meet. I wish the meet was to be held in Hades. It would satisfy most of the patrons of a high school meet and give me a legitimate excuse for not attending or preparing for it.⁵⁶⁷

This may have been a low point for Will. The following summer, “a chance meeting with Edwin Greenlaw” (a native of Flora visiting there and a professor himself) “changed a half discouraged student into a determined scholar and turned the course of a teacher from the classrooms of small high schools to the halls of college and university. How often Edwin Greenlaw did that; and how often Will Thrall did it for other students in turn.”⁵⁶⁸ William took master’s and doctor’s degrees at the University of Chicago in 1915 and 1920, and then went to the University of North Carolina,⁵⁶⁹ where he rose from assistant to full professor in seven years.⁵⁷⁰

In 1920 William, Enola, and Rosalie were living on College Street in Lebanon, St. Clair County, where he was teaching at McKendree College.⁵⁷¹ They soon moved; his sister-in-law wrote, “We were sorry to hear that Will is going so far south, but I suppose he has a good offer & will like it.”⁵⁷² In 1930 the family lived at 720 Gimghoul Road, Chapel Hill, Orange County, North Carolina; the house was valued at \$10,000; he was a university teacher and Rosalie a university librarian.⁵⁷³ In 1940, after ten years of the Great Depression, 1940 the house’s value had declined to \$6750, still well above the statewide average of \$1802.⁵⁷⁴

In those two decades, Will chaired Freshman English (1922–30); served as an advisory editor of *Studies in Philology*, a scholarly publication, for many years, and collaborated with Dean Addison Hibbard of Northwestern University in the widely-used reference work, *Handbook to Literature*. He also

⁵⁶⁵ W. F. Thrall, “The White Mountains,” datelined Blue, Arizona, 4 Nov. 1902, clipped from an issue of the *Journal* newspaper, date and place not known. Copy in author’s possession.

⁵⁶⁶ Colin Carmichael letter to Elizabeth (Thrall) Henderson, 19 Feb. 1968; in author’s possession, Tub 4, item 131. TK NEWSPAPER ARTICLE?

⁵⁶⁷ W. F. Thrall in Flora to Edith L. Thrall at 4949 Indiana Ave., Chicago, letter, 1 Nov. 1906; in author’s possession, tub 13, binder 325.

⁵⁶⁸ Dr. Adams, “An Appreciation,” read at a memorial service for William F. Thrall October 1941, typescript, in author’s possession (tub 7, folder 212).

⁵⁶⁹ “Dr. William Thrall, English Teacher at Chapel Hill, Passes: Funeral Services on Friday for Beloved Carolina Professor,” *Durham Morning Herald* (N.C.), Thur. 16 Oct. 1941, part 1, p. 10, col. 3. For Decatur, “By the Way,” *The Decatur Review*, Thur. 14 May 1936, p. 6, col. 6.

⁵⁷⁰ “William Flint Thrall,” in Winfield Scott Downs, ed., *Encyclopedia of American Biography*, new series, 16:65 (N.Y. City: The American Historical Company, 1943).

⁵⁷¹ William F. Thrall household, 1920 U.S. census, Lebanon, St. Clair Co., Ill., ED 194, sheet 5B, dw. 109, fam. 113.

⁵⁷² Elizabeth Schriber Thrall in Cisco, Ill., to “Mother, Edith & Mary V[irginia]” 21 Apr. 1920, letter

⁵⁷³ William F. Thrall household, 1930 U.S. census, Chapel Hill, Orange Co., N.C., ED 6, sh. 21A, dw. 499, fam. 465.

⁵⁷⁴ William F. Thrall household, 1940 U.S. census, Chapel Hill, Orange Co., N.C., Ward 3, ED 68-8, sheet 18B, dw. 331. Statewide figures from *United States Census Bureau*, Census of Housing, Historical Census of Housing Tables, Median Home Values Unadjusted 1940 (census.gov/hhes/www/housing/census/historic/values.html).

wrote numerous articles and reviews in learned journals and served on various local boards and committees.⁵⁷⁵

The handbook explained words and phrases used in reading and studying literature. Its entries were longer and more thorough than a dictionary, but less detailed than a journal article. The authors undertook the task because, as teachers, they often had to interrupt the study of a piece of writing in order to explain.

“This handbook should minimize these interruptions. . . . In this handbook are included brief explanations of the various rhetorical terms; somewhat more complete discussions of historical periods, and the various literary types and the forms of poetry; and chronological material systematically arranged to make clear the progress of the literature of England and America throughout the centuries. The book is, then, a presentation of the skeleton of literature rather than of the flesh, blood, mind, and spirit of literature itself.” The terms discussed in the first edition ran alphabetically from “abstract words” and “academic drama” to “wit and humor” and “women as actors.” A twelfth edition by William Harmon, also of UNC, was published in 2011.

The authors soon found why their effort was the first of its kind. “Once they were fairly launched on the book, they learned only too well why this thing had not been done before.”⁵⁷⁶ Years later, Will’s son-in-law Colin Carmichael reflected, “Considering how well the book has done, it seems a shame that the authors had so much difficulty finding a publisher with as much vision as they had, and that they didn’t live long enough to see how it really took hold.”⁵⁷⁷

In 1943 Will was described as “an extraordinarily successful teacher” who “played his part in the Southern literary Renaissance. . . . His broad scholarship commanded the respect of his students, as of his colleagues, his informed and discriminating taste left its mark on all who sat under him and his infectious enthusiasm awakened a similar response. In academic councils he occupied an influential place and assumed many responsibilities, both in the field of scholarship and as an administrator. . . .

“A man of imposing stature and presence, standing six feet tall and over two hundred pounds in weight, the force of his personality had as its ideal foil a fine intellect and his complete moral and scholarly integrity. For hundreds of students his keen sense of humor, his ready smile, his hearty laugh and his intense love for his work, clothed the dry bones of scholarship with life and spirit.”⁵⁷⁸

His colleagues “looked to him as a man who could see around a corner, who could give true counsel, who never debated for the sake of debate, who could listen before he talked. Thrall’s special interests in the classroom and the library were the mediaeval romances, Edmund Spenser, and the non-dramatic literature of the English Renaissance. . . . Using the Socratic method, a friendly manner, a wholesome wit, he impressed undergraduate and graduate alike as the type of teacher who saw the

⁵⁷⁵ “Dr. William Thrall, English Teacher at Chapel Hill, Passes: Funeral Services on Friday for Beloved Carolina Professor,” *Durham Morning Herald* (N.C.), Thur. 16 Oct. 1941, part 1, p. 10, col. 3.

⁵⁷⁶ William Flint Thrall and Addison Hibbard, “Preface,” *A Handbook to Literature With an Outline of Literary History English and American* (Garden City, N.Y.: Doubleday, Doran, & Co., 1936), vii, viii. Copy in author’s possession inscribed by W. F. Thrall “To Hal, Elizabeth, Elizabeth Rose, Miriam, and James with love . . . April 23, 1936.” Carolina professors William Harmon and C. Hugh Holman published a 1972 version based on Thrall and Hibbard. The 12th edition was published in 2011.

⁵⁷⁷ Colin Carmichael letter to Elizabeth (Thrall) Henderson, 19 Feb. 1968; in author’s possession, Tub 4, item 131.

⁵⁷⁸ “William Flint Thrall,” in Winfield Scott Downs, ed., *Encyclopedia of American Biography*, new series, 16:64 (N.Y. City: The American Historical Company, 1943).

forest and the trees, who never separated literary works from the life that made them, who was proud of his devotion of the art which builds with words.”⁵⁷⁹

Child of William Flint⁹ and Enola (Keisling) Thrall

- 53 i. ENOLA ROSALIE¹⁰ THRALL (William Flint⁹, Leonidas⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹) was born in Flora, Clay County, 18 September 1907, and died 19 April 1999 at St. Petersburg Beach, Pinellas County, Florida. She married 11 March 1933 in Chapel Hill, Orange County, North Carolina, COLIN CARMICHAEL.

⁵⁷⁹ “William Flint Thrall,” in Winfield Scott Downs, ed., *Encyclopedia of American Biography*, new series, 16:63–65 (N.Y. City: The American Historical Company, 1943).

CHAPTER 19. CHARLES THRALL—GERTRUDE GERKING FAMILY

“A nationally known figure in the field of religious education”

19. CHARLES HAVEN⁹ THRALL (Leonidas⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹)

Birth: 20 October 1883 in Grayville, Edwards County

Death: 18 January 1968, Evenglow Lodge, Pontiac, Livingston County

Burial: East Lawn Memorial Gardens Cemetery and Mausoleum, Bloomington, McLean County

Spouse: married at Lebanon, St. Clair County, 27 August 1907 **GERTRUDE GERKING**⁵⁸⁰

Spouse's parents: George Washington and Kate (Jones) Gerking⁵⁸¹

Spouse's birth: 22 July 1881 in Ingraham, Clay County

Spouse's death: 20 January 1950 in Bloomington, McLean County

Spouse's burial: with her husband⁵⁸²

Gertrude

In 1900 Gertrude was living at home and teaching music.⁵⁸³ She studied at three Methodist institutions: McKendree College, where she was a member of the Clonian society and received a B. Mus. in 1901; the Chicago Training School for City, Home and Foreign Missions (4949 South Indiana) for one year; and Garrett Biblical Institute in Evanston for one year.

“She taught music for a time in Lebanon and is recognized as an excellent vocalist.”⁵⁸⁴ During the 1930s Depression, CTS and Garrett merged and came under the wing of Northwestern University.⁵⁸⁵

Gertrude's maternal aunt Emily Jones later married as his second wife Charles's father Leonidas (Chapter 5). In 1880 the Jones family was in Pixley Township, Clay County.⁵⁸⁶

Charles

Charles “became a student in McKendree in 1896 and graduated in 1903, with the degree of A.B. He was a member of the Philosophian Literary Society. After teaching in the public schools two

⁵⁸⁰ “Charles H. Thrall,” *Journal-Yearbook of the 145th Session, Central Illinois Conference of the United Methodist Church*, held in Bloomington 10–14 June 1968, p. 264. Also, Charles Haven Thrall grave marker, East Lawn Memorial Gardens Cemetery and Mausoleum, Bloomington, Ill., image, memorial #112,334,691 by obsessive journey (findagrave.com).

⁵⁸¹ For Kate's birth surname, see George W. Gerking–Kate Jones marriage lic. 13 Oct. 1880, married 17 Oct., Clay Co., Ill., Register of Marriages (1878–1895) 1:41, license 529; “Illinois County Marriages, 1810–1940” > 004,539,325 > image 89 of 601; FHL 1,008,793 (familysearch.org). He was 26, she was 19; they were married in Ingraham, Clay Co., where they both lived; Nelson Stauffer, Minister of the Gospel, officiated.

⁵⁸² For exact dates and burial location, Gertrude Gerking Thrall grave marker, East Lawn Memorial Gardens Cemetery and Mausoleum, Bloomington, Ill., memorial #112,334,663 by obsessive journey (findagrave.com).

⁵⁸³ George W. Gerking household for Gertrude age 18, 1900 U.S. census, Pixley Twp., Clay Co., Ill., ED 10, sh. 5A, dw. 98, fam. 99. Also, “Mrs. Charles H. Thrall,” *Journal and Year Book, 127th Session of the Illinois Conference of the Methodist Church*, held in Bloomington 6–11 June 1950, p. 655.

⁵⁸⁴ *Centennial McKendree College with St. Clair County History* (Lebanon, Ill.: McKendree College, 1928), 372.

⁵⁸⁵ For the institutional genealogy and history, see “Our History,” *Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary* (garrett.edu/about-us/our-history).

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years, he entered Garrett Biblical Institute and graduated in 1908 with the degree of S.T.B. He was then for two years Professor of Greek and Hebrew in the Central Holiness University of Oskaloosa [Mahaska County], Iowa. From 1910 to 1912 he was pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church in St. Francisville [Lawrence County]. He joined the Southern Illinois Conference in 1905 and in 1912 was transferred to the Illinois Conference.” In 1928 he “led an important church building enterprise to a successful conclusion at Quincy [Adams County], Illinois.”⁵⁸⁷

He preached on trial in the Southern Illinois Conference in 1905, and from 1908 to 1910 taught Greek at John Fletcher College in Oskaloosa, and preached there. Thereafter he served Methodist churches in Illinois:

- * St. Francisville, Lawrence County (1910–12);
- * Toledo, Cumberland County (1912);
- * Westfield, Clark County (1913–15);
- * McLean, McLean County (1916–21);
- * Bowen, Hancock County (1922–23);
- * Quincy Grace, Adams County (1924–27);
- * Pittsfield, Pike County (1928–29);
- * Jacksonville Centenary, Morgan County (1930–33); and
- * Peoria St. John’s, Peoria County (1934–39).

From 1940 until his retirement in 1954 he served as executive secretary of the Conference Board of Education and became a nationally known figure in the field of religious education.⁵⁸⁸ In 1950 he and Gertrude were living in Bloomington, McLean County.⁵⁸⁹

Child of Charles Haven⁹ and Gertrude (Gerking) Thrall

- 54 i. ROBERT McDOWELL¹⁰ THRALL (Charles Haven⁹, Leonidas⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹) was born 23 September 1914 in Toledo, Cumberland County, and died 11 April 2006 in Philadelphia. He married 3 September 1936 NATALIE ELIZABETH HUNTER.

⁵⁸⁷ *Centennial McKendree College with St. Clair County History* (Lebanon, Ill.: McKendree College, 1928), 381. Also, Paul and Chester Farthing, eds., *Philo History: Chronicles and Biographies of the Philosophian Literary Society of McKendree College* (Lebanon, Ill.: privately printed, 1911), 210.

⁵⁸⁸ “Charles H. Thrall,” *Journal-Yearbook of the 145th Session, Central Illinois Conference of the United Methodist Church* (1968), p. 264. Date 1911 for St. Francisville from Paul and Chester Farthing, eds., *Philo History: Chronicles and Biographies of the Philosophian Literary Society of McKendree College* (Lebanon, Ill.: privately printed, 1911), 210.

⁵⁸⁹ “Edith Thrall Dies; Was Veteran Teacher,” *The Daily Dispatch* (Moline, Ill.), Wed. 14 June 1950, p. 4, col. 5.

CHAPTER 20. THRALL–SCHRIBER FAMILY

“His patient analysis of problems . . . made him a desired and valuable counselor.”

20. HAROLD LEONIDAS⁹ THRALL (Leonidas⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹)

Birth: 13 November 1885 in Metropolis, Massac County

Death: 8 April 1966 in Galva, Henry County⁵⁹⁰

Burial: Mount Hope Cemetery and Mausoleum, Urbana, Champaign County⁵⁹¹

Spouse: married 9 May 1911 in Chicago **ELIZABETH SCHRIBER**⁵⁹²

Spouse’s parents: Matthew Carl “Charles” and Elizabeth (Joss) Schriber

Spouse’s birth: 12 November 1884⁵⁹³ in Franklin Grove, Lee County⁵⁹⁴

Spouse’s death: 9 July 1979 in Urbana, Champaign County

Spouse’s burial: Mount Hope Cemetery and Mausoleum, Urbana, Champaign County⁵⁹⁵

Elizabeth

The youngest daughter of a Swiss emigrant and Civil War veteran who died when she was young, Elizabeth attended college with the backing and support of her mother and sisters. After graduating from Lewis Institute (now Illinois Institute of Technology) and Northwestern University in 1907, Elizabeth taught high school mathematics in Sycamore, DeKalb County.⁵⁹⁶ She met her future husband in their New Testament Greek class.⁵⁹⁷

In advance of the wedding Elizabeth became acquainted with various members of the Thrall family. Her soon-to-be sister-in-law Enola (Keisling) Thrall wrote in her diary, likely about 1910:

At last I met Elizabeth. She came out to 10554 S. Leavitt St. [far south side of Chicago] with Edith [Edith Laura Thrall?] to keep me company while Dearie [William F. Thrall] went to Decatur on business. She is very charming. I like her, who could help it. She is somewhere between Carrie and me in height and rather slender in figure; she has brown eyes and brown hair exactly the shade of Rosalie’s. She puts it up and it strays down in little kinkles around her face; her cheeks are rosy and she has a pretty little dimple that peeps out now and then when she smiles. Hal is making no mistake in his choice, the only mistake is the delay.⁵⁹⁸

Elizabeth was at first a bit shy of the bustling, chuckling, practical-joking Thrall brothers; one of her new sisters-in-law explained that they might pick on one another in fun but they would never do anything that would embarrass one another in public.

⁵⁹⁰ “Harold L. Thrall,” *Journal-Yearbook, Central Illinois Conference of the Methodist Church, 143rd session*, held in Jacksonville 12–16 June 1966, pp. 941–42.

⁵⁹¹ Harold Leonidas Thrall grave marker, no digital image or source, Mt. Hope Cemetery and Mausoleum, Urbana, Champaign Co., Ill., memorial #178,750,534 by Jeanette (findagrave.com).

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⁵⁹³ TK

⁵⁹⁴ Elizabeth Rose Thrall, Ill. birth cert. 4639, 15 Sep. 1918; in author’s possession.

⁵⁹⁵ Elizabeth Schriber Thrall grave marker, no digital image or source, Mt. Hope Cemetery and Mausoleum, Urbana, Champaign Co., Ill., memorial #178,750,767 by Jeanette (findagrave.com).

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⁵⁹⁷ “Elizabeth (Schreiber) Thrall 1884–1979,” *Official Journal-Yearbook of the Central Illinois Conference of the United Methodist Church, 1980*, pp. 2451–52.

⁵⁹⁸ Rosalie (Thrall) Carmichael postscript to Colin Carmichael letter to Elizabeth (Thrall) Henderson, 19 Feb. 1968; in author’s possession, Tub 4, item 131.

In 1978 the drought in southern Illinois put her in mind of a drought sixty-seven years earlier, . . . the year Harold and I moved from Noble [Richland County], 1911 [to his next charge in Weedman, on the DeWit-McLean county line].

Whatever rain had fallen that summer had missed Noble until the night before we were to drive northward. We heard sprinkles falling thru our tall pine on to our roof, then more & more until it was a regular deluge! All thru the night! The next day we were invited to eat supper & spend the night at a member's home about 10 mi. on our way north. It was a delightful spot, but the rain continued. Roads were flooded & every thing else was *mud*! My shoes were heavy to walk in! The creek that we needed to cross was out of banks, & the farmer's big son rode his horse, swimming part way, out into it, to locate the best crossing & then had us follow with horse & buggy. If I were in that buggy now for that ride, I'd be scared. But *then* it was exhilarating!

That eve as we ate supper in a little town (now forgotten) Harold asked a man how the road north would be. "Well," he said, "it might be pretty wet, but you can make it." So we did. It was a beautiful full moon shining down on what seemed almost a sea of water. The field posts were half covered in water from side to side of the wagon road, & the only sound we heard except our own breathing was the splash, splash of Dixie's hooves as he steadily walked thru the water. . . . I held our suit case over the back of our seat, & put my feet up against the dash board as the water crept in over the floor. If Harold was worried that we might strike a hole or have any trouble otherwise, he never said anything about it, & —well, I was with my strong & perfect husband, why would I be afraid of anything! . . .

Friday night maybe 8 or 9 o'clock we figured we might be within 5 or 6 miles of Weedman, when Harold noticed a sign tucked up a tree. With the help of his lantern he read "bridge out"! "Well," he said with a sigh, "You hold Dixie & I'll walk back to that house we passed a bit ago & see what can be done." The night was black, & everything still until a long mournful "Mooooooo" almost lifted me from the buggy! It was only a cow! Harold came back. "Farmer said we better spend the night with them."

Such a quiet well cared for household I had never seen before & don't expect to again. At breakfast there were Daddy & Mother & 12 children. Dad & Mom each had one on lap, older children looked after younger, & after the meal each one on foot had a special job. One put the chairs back against the wall, one took out flatware, one cups, one plates etc. etc. As the Dad explained, "Every Little helps a little." The family name was Little. Dad explained that he had 12 children twice, first had 12 then lost one & then had another born. I thought that rather crass, but it wasn't meant to be. When Harold wanted to pay for our lodging & breakfast they said, "No, indeed," they were members of his church & they were glad to have had the chance to help! . . .

Weedman housed the dear little white steeple church, parsonage, on a slight rise of land, 2 neighbor houses across the road, Post office . . . across the tracks, a house up the hill & other side of tracks (I.C.) & a house in a field nearby, back of parsonage (where we use to go for eggs & milk). I've heard tales of dreadful parsonages, but we have almost always been *well* satisfied. This one had 3 rooms up stairs, 4 down stairs; pantry off kitchen,

pantry floor would pull up with a weight on a rope to let us into cellar stairs. Pump at kitchen sink for pure filtered sparkling rain water. Nice place & kitchen range.⁵⁹⁹

Weedman is about 135 miles north of Noble, a two-hour trip by car in 2018.

Elizabeth was remembered as “a full partner with her husband in the ministry, joining in the pastoral calling, leading Sunday School classes, Bible School and women’s church organizations. Her capacity for establishing warm, loving relationships with people, and for understanding and responding to their needs, made her much loved in each community they served.”⁶⁰⁰

She outlived her siblings, almost all of her cousins, and her husband (by thirteen years). That experience prompted her to ask that William Cullen Bryant’s “To A Waterfowl” be read at her funeral.⁶⁰¹ The poet watches a solitary migrating bird cross the sunset into the dark, “wandering, but not lost,” and in the final stanza reflects:

He, who, from zone to zone,
Guides through the boundless sky thy certain flight,
In the long way that I must trace alone,
Will lead my steps aright.⁶⁰²

Harold

Harold “entered McKendree College in the fall of 1899 and graduated in 1905, receiving the degree of A.B. After teaching a year he entered Garrett Biblical Institute. There he completed his theological course and received the degree of S.T.B. in 1909. While he was in McKendree he was a member of the Philosophian Society.”⁶⁰³ He also was a school principal for a year.⁶⁰⁴

He helped initiate the first Epworth League Institute (later MYF Summer Camps) in the conference, and carried out the first Booth Festival (later “The Festival of Sharing”). “For many years he was chairman of the Conference Board of Qualifications, and later was Vice Chairman of the Board of Ministerial Training. As part of this work, he was responsible for giving counsel and guidance to local pastors His patient analysis of problems not only fitted him for this task, but also made him a desired and valuable counselor in his various charges.”⁶⁰⁵

“His keen sense of justice and his analytical mind prompted his father to say, ‘Harold would make a fine lawyer and judge.’ However his choice was to dedicate himself to the gospel ministry.”⁶⁰⁶

Harold was admitted as a “local preacher” in the Southern Illinois Conference 22 June 1905; he was admitted “on trial” a year later. During this time he was a “supply” (substitute) pastor in Vernon, Lake County (four months); West Salem, Edwards County (three months); South Elgin, Kane

⁵⁹⁹ Elizabeth Schriber Thrall, “On our way from Noble to Weedman,” 7 Aug. 1978 manuscript; copy in author’s possession.

⁶⁰⁰ “Elizabeth (Schreiber) Thrall 1884-1979,” *Official Journal-Yearbook of the Central Illinois Conference of the United Methodist Church*, 1980, 2451–52.

⁶⁰¹ Funeral program, memorial service for Elizabeth Schriber Thrall, 12 July 1979, Wesley United Methodist Church, Urbana, Ill.

⁶⁰² *Poetry Foundation* (poetryfoundation.org/poems/51861/to-a-waterfowl).

⁶⁰³ *Centennial McKendree College with St. Clair County History* (Lebanon, Ill.: McKendree College, 1928), 384.

⁶⁰⁴ Author’s personal knowledge by hearsay, citation TK

⁶⁰⁵ “Harold L. Thrall,” *Journal-Yearbook, Central Illinois Conference of the Methodist Church*, 143rd session, 941–42.

⁶⁰⁶ Rosalie (Thrall) Carmichael, “Thrall Genealogy” (17-page typescript on onion skin in red binder, by Rosalie although no author is named), 15; in author’s possession, Tub 2, item 34.

County (seven months); and Grayslake, Lake County (one year). After admission to full connection he and Elizabeth served at:

* Noble, Richland County (1909–11)

* Weedman, McLean/Dewitt County (1911–13), about 3 ½ hours south of Chicago on the Illinois Central Railroad. Elizabeth (four months married) wrote to her mother and sisters, “It must be a tiny place, but pays \$800 a year, with a good parsonage of 6 rooms, garden & stables. It is a two point circuit so we are to keep our horse . . . I enjoyed the morning service at conf[erence] which is all I have attended so far. Say it sounded good to hear the roll call: L. W. Thrall–V. W. Thrall–C. H. Thrall–H. L. Thrall & to hear ‘Present’ after each one.”

* Gifford (Penfield), Champaign County (1913–15)

* Sadorus, Champaign County (1915–19)

* Cisco, Piatt County (1919–23)

* Mansfield, Piatt County (1923–27)

* Newman, Douglas County (1927–29)

* San Jose, Mason County (1929–34)

* Tolono, Champaign County (1934–38)

* Weldon, DeWitt County (1938–43)

* Lincoln Church, Danville, Vermilion County (1943–45)

* Galva, Henry County (1945–58)

* Altona, Knox County (1958–61?)⁶⁰⁷

When he left Galva (where much of the time he served two Methodist churches) his parishioners took up a collection for a parting gift. The money kept coming in, and the congregation presented him with a new 1958 Chevrolet. After his official retirement he served in Altona at least three more years.

In the late 1920s he wrote, “Most of the changes now taking place in religion point . . . toward a higher standard of service by the church. . . . they are in harmony with the teachings of Jesus who so frequently likened the Kingdom of God to changing, growing things such as the mustard seed and the leaven. . . . Closely related to the growth of the spirit of tolerance is another change which may be realized in part in the not distant future. This is the unity of the church both spiritually and organically.

⁶⁰⁷ Typed version of handwritten H. L. Thrall timeline, prepared at Fosters summer 1961. Also, local preacher’s license for Harold L. Thrall 22 June 1905. Also, H. L. Thrall handwritten notes on a letter from General Board of Pensions. Also, Elizabeth Schriber Thrall letter to “Mother & Sisters,” 20 Sep. 1911, one page, both sides, incomplete. All in author’s possession.

. . . as church unites with church we may expect to see some needed simplification of doctrinal statements and some improvements in ecclesiastical organization. Unnecessary doctrinal requirements and cumbersome church machinery cannot easily pass over into the new unit created by the union of churches.”⁶⁰⁸

Children of Harold Leonidas⁹ and Elizabeth (Schriber) Thrall

- i. CHARLES FRANKIE¹⁰ THRALL (Harold Leonidas⁹, Leonidas⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹) was born 20 June 1916 and died the next day. Since he was a month early, Elizabeth asked the doctor if it would make sense to create a warm dark environment for him; the doctor disagreed.
- 55 ii. ELIZABETH ROSE¹⁰ THRALL (Harold Leonidas⁹, Leonidas⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹) was born 15 September 1918 in Sadorus, Champaign County; and died 18 May 2008 in St. Joseph County, Indiana. She married 6 March 1943 at Wesley Foundation, University of Illinois, Urbana, Champaign County, RONALD ATHOL HENDERSON.
- 56 iii. MIRIAM RUTH¹⁰ THRALL (Harold Leonidas⁹, Leonidas⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹) was born 20 March 1921 in Cisco, Piatt County, and died 7 April 2010 in Urbana, Champaign County. She married 29 May 1943 at Wesley Foundation, University of Illinois, Urbana, Champaign County, GEORGE NORTON FOSTER.
- 57 iv. HAROLD JAMES “JIM”¹⁰ THRALL (Harold Leonidas⁹, Leonidas⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹) was born 15 June 1925 in Mansfield, Piatt County; died 20 October 2018 in Plymouth, Marshall County, Indiana; and was buried 27 October at Southlawn Cemetery, South Bend, St. Joseph County, Indiana. He married 29 January 1948 in Galva, Henry County, JOAN E. WALKER.

⁶⁰⁸ “Changes in the Church are Vitaly Necessary to Progress, Rev. Thrall of Newman Declares,” newspaper clipping (typeface suggests *Chicago Tribune*), definitely 1927–29 as he is identified as pastor at Newman, Ill.; in author’s possession, tub 1, folder 17.

CHAPTER 21. THRALL–COVER FAMILY

“A cultural influence through work in Illinois Woman’s Club and local mission and reading circles”

21. MARY VIRGINIA⁹ THRALL (Leonidas⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹)

Birth: 17 March 1902 in Lebanon, St. Clair County

Death: 9 March 1970 in Metropolis, Massac County⁶⁰⁹

Burial: TK

Spouse: **DAVID SOLOMON COVER** married 31 July 1922⁶¹⁰

Spouse’s parents: William Henry and Pernecie “Necy” (Whittenberg) Cover⁶¹¹

Spouse’s birth: 23 July 1899 in Illinois⁶¹²

Spouse’s death: March 1970 in Illinois⁶¹³

Spouse’s burial: TK

In 1918 David was farming; his nearest relative was Necy Cover (his mother); and he was tall and slender, with brown eyes and hair.⁶¹⁴ In June 1920 Mary Virginia, who had been at Jennings Cemetery in Aurora, was staying at the G. W. Gerking home in Lebanon.⁶¹⁵

When they were licensed to marry at the end of July 1922 he was 23, of Tunnel Hill, Johnson County, and she was 20, of Lebanon, St. Clair County.⁶¹⁶ They both had three years of college.⁶¹⁷ In 1930 David owned the farm in Tunnel Hill and a radio; his mother-in-law Emily J. Thrall was with the family, age 65.⁶¹⁸ On New Year’s Eve 1935–36 he survived a collision with a Big Four freight train.⁶¹⁹ In 1940 the family was farming in Tunnel Hill and the house was valued at \$1500,⁶²⁰ well below the Illinois statewide average of \$3277.⁶²¹

“Virginia Thrall Cover attended college in Lebanon and in Naperville, Illinois. She married Dave Cover, an electrical engineer, who chose later to return to his inherited farm near Tunnel Hill in southern Illinois. There Virginia played the organ in the Methodist Church, taught in the church school, was active in Bible School work, and became a cultural influence through work in Illinois Woman’s Club and local mission and reading circles.

⁶⁰⁹ TK

⁶¹⁰ “Marriage Licenses,” *Belleville News Democrat* (Ill.), Mon. 31 July 1922, p. 1, col. 6.

⁶¹¹ William Henry Cover–Necy Whittenberg marr. lic. 410, 3 Oct. 1895, marr. 6 Oct., Johnson Co., Ill., marriage register 1 (1878–96):234; FHL 964,811 item 1, DGS 7,621,3090, image 246 of 589. William was a miller and farmer. They were married in Tunnel Hill, where they both lived; R. W. Laughlin, M.G., presided; witnesses were W. E. Gallener and S. Whitehead. Necy was 31, William 45; it was said to be the first marriage for both. Some indexes have the groom’s surname as “Coner.”

⁶¹² David Solomon Cover WWI draft card, 12 Sep. 1918, local board Vienna, Johnson Co., Ill., serial #983, order #A120; “U.S., World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918” > Illinois > Johnson County > Draft Card C > image 175 of 218 (ancestry.com). Also, William H. Hover [Cover] household for son David S., 1900 U.S. census, Tunnel Hill Twp., Johnson Co., Ill., ED 44, sh. 19A, dw./fam. 277.

⁶¹³ David Cover entry, Social Security Death Index.

⁶¹⁴ David Solomon Cover WWI draft card, serial #983, order #A120, 12 Sep. 1918, local board Vienna, Johnson Co., Ill.; “U.S., World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918” > Illinois > Johnson County > Draft Card C > image 175 of 218 (ancestry.com).

⁶¹⁵ “Lebanon,” *Belleville News Democrat* (Ill.), Thur. 17 June 1920, p. 5, col. 3.

⁶¹⁶ “Marriage Licenses,” *Belleville News Democrat* (Ill.), Mon. 31 July 1922, p. 1, col. 6.

⁶¹⁷ D. S. Cover household, 1940 U.S. census, Tunnel Hill Twp., Johnson Co., Ill., ED 44-14, sh. 11B, dw. 210.

⁶¹⁸ David S. Cover household, 1930 U.S. census, Tunnel Hill Twp., Johnson Co., Ill., ED 14, sh. 7B, dw. 147, fam. 148.

⁶¹⁹ “Car Hits Train; 3 Hurt,” *Rockford Morning Star* (Ill.), Thur. 2 Jan. 1936, p. 7, col. 1. The family story is that he gave up drinking afterwards.

⁶²⁰ D. S. Cover household, 1940 U.S. census, Tunnel Hill Twp., Johnson Co., Ill., ED 44-14, sh. 11B, dw. 210.

⁶²¹ Statewide figures from *United State Census Bureau*, Census of Housing, Historical Census of Housing Tables, Median Home Values Unadjusted 1940 (census.gov/hhes/www/housing/census/historic/values.html).

“Dave Cover was a pioneer cattle man and a Conservation District director. He was an innovator. He started in the mid 30’s during the depression by improving 40 acres by liming and spreading rock phosphate on a 40 acre field. With the advent of fescue, he and his son rapidly expanded their operation by improving one field after another.”⁶²²

Children of Mary Virginia⁹ (Thrall) and David Cover

- 58 i. WILLIAM HENRY¹⁰ COVER (Mary Virginia Thrall⁹, Leonidas⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹) was born in Tunnel Hill, Johnson County, 15 August 1923, died 6 February 1986 at Jewish Hospital, St. Louis; and was buried in New Salem Cemetery, north of Tunnel Hill, three days later. He married 22 November 1950 in Sandusky, Erie County, Ohio, RUTH ALICE PALMER.
- 59 ii. DAVID LEONIDAS¹⁰ COVER (Mary Virginia Thrall⁹, Leonidas⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹) was born in Lebanon, St. Clair County, 17 May 1925; died 8 March 1990 in New Burnside, Johnson County; and was buried with military rites on the 11th at New Salem Cemetery in Johnson County. He married first in 1951 BILLIE JEAN TAAKE, and second as her second husband 5 December 1973 in Vienna AVA MARIE (SIMMONS) GODDARD.

⁶²² Rosalie (Thrall) Carmichael, “Thrall Genealogy” (17-page typescript on onion skin in red binder, by Rosalie Thrall Carmichael although no author is named), 17; in author’s possession, Tub 2, item 34.

TENTH GENERATION (1874–2018, presidents Grant to Trump)

CHAPTER 22. EDGAR MORGAN—ADDIE GOULD FAMILY

Twelve children

22. EDGAR ALSINIUS¹⁰ MORGAN (Milton Worthy Morgan⁹, Mary Elizabeth Thrall⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹)

Birth: 2 August 1875 in Bone Gap, Edwards County

Death: 17 April 1925 at 2213 E. Virginia St., Evansville, Vanderburgh County, Indiana, of myocarditis⁶²³

Burial: Bone Gap Cemetery⁶²⁴

Spouse: **ADELE “ADDIE” GOULD** married 28 January 1897 at her father’s place in Bone Gap⁶²⁵

Spouse’s parents: Ansel and Eyrena/Serena (Marriott) Gould⁶²⁶

Spouse’s birth: 4 October 1878 in Bone Gap TK *she is not in 1880 census with parents!*

Spouse’s death: 6 March 1963 at 616 Reis Avenue in Evansville, Vanderburgh County, Indiana⁶²⁷

Spouse’s burial: Bone Gap Cemetery⁶²⁸

Addie does not appear to be closely related to the other Gould families in and near Bone Gap: her paternal line is father Ansel (1852–TK) who married Serena Marriott,⁶²⁹ grandfather Philander (1817–TK) who married Sarah Knowlton,⁶³⁰ and great-grandfather Ebenezer (TK–TK) who married Elizabeth Weeks.⁶³¹

In 1880 five-year-old Edgar was living in Albion with his grandmother Elizabeth and aunt “Lucretia.”⁶³² Nor was he present in his father’s Nebraska household in 1885.⁶³³

Addie and Edgar had at least twelve children (see list below; the usual statement of eleven omits a baby who died young).⁶³⁴ Edgar was a teacher at the time of their marriage; remaining in Bone Gap, in 1900 he was a farmer and in 1910 a bank cashier.⁶³⁵ TK check Edgar’s WWI draft card and city directories to find when they went to Evansville TK By 1920 they were at 1813 Reis Avenue in

⁶²³ Edgar A. Morgan obituary information from Evansville newspaper, *Browning Genealogy Evansville, Indiana Obituary Search* (browning.evcpl.lib.in.us).

⁶²⁴ Edgar A. Morgan grave marker 1875–1925, Bone Gap Cemetery, Bone Gap, Ill., memorial #140,868,926 by Janice (Teel) Crites (findagrave.com).

⁶²⁵ Edgar A. Morgan–Addie Gould marriage #2604, lic. 23 Jan. 1897, marr. 28 Jan., Edwards County Register of Marriages D:153; “Illinois County Marriages, 1810–1940” FHL 1,401,780, image 359 of 654. TK HER RELATIOSHIP TO SOLON

⁶²⁶ Unsourced tree, “Ancestors of Addie Claudia Morgan,” by Carol Ann Lyle, circa 1997, in author’s possession.

⁶²⁷ Unsourced tree, “Ancestors of Addie Claudia Morgan,” by Carol Ann Lyle, circa 1997, in author’s possession.

⁶²⁸ Addie Morgan obituary information from Evansville newspaper, *Browning Genealogy Evansville, Indiana Obituary Search* (browning.evcpl.lib.in.us).

Also, Addie Morgan grave marker 1878–1963, Bone Gap Cemetery, Bone Gap, Ill., memorial #140,869,006 by Janice (Teel) Crites (findagrave.com).

⁶²⁹ TK

⁶³⁰ TK

⁶³¹ *History of Lawrence, Edwards, and Wabash Counties* TK

⁶³² Elizabeth Morgan household for “son” [grandson] Edgar age 4, 1880 U.S. census, Albion, Edwards Co., Ill., ED 7, p. 424D, dw. 565, fam. 574.

⁶³³ M. W. Morgan household for Amanda age 21 and Myrtle age 1, 1885 Nebraska state census, Burnett Village, Jefferson Pct., Madison Co., Neb., p. 4, dw./fam. 33.

⁶³⁴ Addie Morgan obituary information from Evansville newspaper, *Browning Genealogy Evansville, Indiana Obituary Search* (browning.evcpl.lib.in.us). TK correlate Browning with death and census records?!

⁶³⁵ Edgar A. Morgan household, 1900 U.S. census, Bone Gap, Edwards Co., Ill., ED 16, sh. 5B, dw./fam. 97. Similarly Edgar Morgan household, 1910, Bone Gap, sh. 2A, dw./fam. 33. Also, “Age and Youth Not Spared by the Reaper,” *Evansville Courier* (Ind.), Sun. 24 Sep. 1916, p. 16, col. 7.

Evansville and he was a “special police” at the opera house.⁶³⁶ In 1924 he and Emil and Curtis Rohner incorporated the Mechanics’ Mutual Finance Corporation in Evansville.⁶³⁷

It seems unlikely on several grounds that the Edgar A. Morgan who held a teaching job in the Philippine Islands starting 23 August 1908 was the same person.⁶³⁸

Children of Edgar¹⁰ and Addie (Gould) Morgan, first ten in Illinois (probably in Bone Gap, Edwards County), Illinois, and the rest in Indiana (probably Evansville, Vanderburgh County)

i. NINA¹¹ MORGAN was born April 1898⁶³⁹ and died 20 September 1976 in Evansville. She married first [-?-] KLOKE, and second [-?-] RODGERS.⁶⁴⁰

ii. CLEMA¹¹ MORGAN was born April 1900⁶⁴¹ and died 5 December 1973 in Evansville. She married about 1920 HENRY HAUSCHILD.⁶⁴²

iii. GRACE CLARINE¹¹ MORGAN was born about 1902⁶⁴³ and died 1 September 1987 in Evansville. She married FRED BURGDORF.⁶⁴⁴

iv. FRANCIS E.¹¹ MORGAN was born about 1903⁶⁴⁵ and died 2 November 1963 in Redondo Beach, Los Angeles County, California. He married NEVELYN [-?-].⁶⁴⁶

v. EDGAR¹¹ MORGAN JR, was born about 1904,⁶⁴⁷ and died at age 68 in Birmingham, Jefferson County, Alabama, 8 March 1973. He married MERLE [-?-].⁶⁴⁸

vi. LAWSON¹¹ MORGAN was born about 1907 in Illinois,⁶⁴⁹ died probably between 4 November 1963 (when he was listed as a survivor of brother Francis)⁶⁵⁰ and 8 March 1973 (when he was not listed as a

⁶³⁶ Edgar H. [A.] Morgan household, 1920 U.S. census, Evansville, Vanderburgh Co., Ind., Ward 6, ED 147, sh. 1A, dw. 7, fam. 8.

⁶³⁷ “New Loan Company Incorporates Here,” *Evansville Journal* (Ind.), Fri. 2 May 1924, p. 13, col. 2.

⁶³⁸ Edgar A. Morgan entry, Government of the Philippine Islands Bureau of Civil Service, *Official Roster of Officers and Employees in the Civil Service of the Philippine Islands* (Manila: Bureau of Printing, 1912), Dept. of Public Instruction, Bureau of Education, 49. Edgar was a teacher engaged 23 Aug. 1908 to be paid 2800 pesos. Most teachers were paid between 1800 and 3600.

⁶³⁹ Edgar A. Morgan household for daughter Nina born Apr. 1898, 1900 U.S. census, Bone Gap, Edwards Co., Ill., ED 16, sh. 5B, dw./fam. 97. Similarly in 1910 for daughter Nina age 12. Similarly in 1920 for daughter Nina age 21.

⁶⁴⁰ “Evansville Deaths...Mrs. Nina Rodgers,” *The Evansville Courier* (Ind.), Tue. 21 Sep. 1976, p. 4, col. 1.

⁶⁴¹ Edgar A. Morgan household for daughter Clema/Glenna born Apr. 1900, 1900 U.S. census, Bone Gap, Edwards Co., Ill., ED 16, sh. 5B, dw./fam. 97. Similarly in 1910 for daughter Clema/Glenna age 10. Similarly in 1920 for daughter Clema/Glenna age 19.

⁶⁴² “Evansville Deaths...Mrs. Clemma Hauschild,” *The Evansville Courier* (Ind.), Thur. 6 Dec. 1973, p. 7, cols. 1–2.

⁶⁴³ Edgar Morgan household for daughter Grace age 8, 1910 U.S. census, Bone Gap, Edwards Co., Ill., ED 16, sh. 2A, dw./fam. 33. Similarly in 1920 for daughter Grace age 18.

⁶⁴⁴ “Deaths...Grace Burgdorf,” *The Evansville Courier* (Ind.), Wed. 2 Sep. 1987, p. 13, col. 1. She was survived by brother Marion Morgan of Cincinnati, and sisters Addie Moore of Youngstown, Ohio, Mildred Sims of Nevada City, California.

⁶⁴⁵ Edgar Morgan household for son Francis age 7, 1910 U.S. census, Bone Gap, Edwards Co., Ill., ED 16, sh. 2A, dw./fam. 33. Similarly in 1920 for son Francis age 17.

⁶⁴⁶ “Evansville Deaths...Francis E. Morgan,” *The Evansville Courier* (Ind.), Mon. 4 Nov. 1963, p. 17, col. 2. He was survived by brothers Reis Morgan of W. Palm Beach, Fla., Larson Morgan of Montclair, N.J., and Edgar Morgan of Birmingham, Ala.

⁶⁴⁷ Edgar Morgan household for son Edgar Jr. age 6, 1910 U.S. census, Bone Gap, Edwards Co., Ill., ED 16, sh. 2A, dw./fam. 33. Similarly in 1920 for son Edgar A. Jr. age 15.

⁶⁴⁸ “Evansville Deaths...Edgar Morgan,” *The Evansville Courier* (Ind.), Fri. 9 Mar. 1973, p. 15, col. 1. He was reportedly survived by six sisters and brother Marion of Cincinnati and six sisters: Mrs. Nina Rodgers, Mrs. Clemma Hauschild, and Mrs. Grace Bergdorf of Evansville; Mrs. Hallein Kelley of Hemet, Cal.; Mrs. Addie Moore of Hinsdale, Ill.; and Mrs. Mildred Sims of Nevada City, Cal.

⁶⁴⁹ Edgar Morgan household for son Lawson age 3, 1910 U.S. census, Bone Gap, Edwards Co., Ill., ED 16, sh. 2A, dw./fam. 33. Similarly in 1920 for son Lawson A. age 13.

⁶⁵⁰ “Evansville Deaths...Francis E. Morgan,” *The Evansville Courier* (Ind.), Mon. 4 Nov. 1963, p. 17, col. 2. He was survived by brother “Larson” Morgan of Montclair, N.J.

survivor of Edgar Jr.).⁶⁵¹ In 1959 Lawson A. and Evelyn M. Morgan were living at 19 Berkeley Place in Montclair, Essex County, New Jersey.⁶⁵²

vii. LESTER REIS¹¹ MORGAN was born about February 1909 in Illinois⁶⁵³ and died 27 June 1966 in Princeton, Gibson County, Indiana. He married KATHERINE [-?-].⁶⁵⁴

viii. HALLEIN M.¹¹ MORGAN was born about 1911⁶⁵⁵ and died 24 April 1986 in Hemet, Riverside County, California. She married HARRY KELLEY.⁶⁵⁶

ix. MARION W.¹¹ MORGAN was born about 1913⁶⁵⁷ and died after 1 September 1987, when he lived in Cincinnati, Ohio.⁶⁵⁸

x. ADDIE¹¹ MORGAN was born about 1914⁶⁵⁹ and died after 1 September 1987, when she lived in Youngstown, Ohio.⁶⁶⁰ She married JOHN MOORE.⁶⁶¹

xi. ELLIS G.¹¹ MORGAN was born April 1916; died at age 5 months 23 September 1916 in Evansville, Vanderburgh County, Indiana; and was buried in Bone Gap, Illinois.⁶⁶²

xii. MILDRED E.¹¹ MORGAN was born about 1921⁶⁶³ and died after 1 September 1987, when she lived in Nevada City, California.⁶⁶⁴ She married DALE SIMS.⁶⁶⁵

⁶⁵¹ "Evansville Deaths...Edgar Morgan," *The Evansville Courier* (Ind.), Fri. 9 Mar. 1973, p. 15, col. 1. He was reportedly survived by six sisters and brother Marion of Cincinnati.

⁶⁵² Lawson A. Morgan entry, *Montclair, Caldwell, Essex Fells, Verona, Cedar Grove, Glen Ridge Directory* (Newark: Price-Hall, 1959), 348, image 194 of 387 (ancestry.com).

⁶⁵³ Edgar Morgan household for son Reis age 1 2/12, 1910 U.S. census, Bone Gap, Edwards Co., Ill., ED 16, sh. 2A, dw./fam. 33. Similarly in 1920 for son Lester R. age 10.

⁶⁵⁴ "Evansville Deaths...Reis Morgan," *The Evansville Courier* (Ind.), Mon. 27 June 1966, p. 18, col. 5. His residence was W. Palm Beach, Fla.

⁶⁵⁵ Edgar H. [A.] Morgan household for daughter Hellen age 9, 1920 U.S. census, Evansville, Vanderburgh Co., Ind., Ward 6, ED 147, sh. 1A, dw. 7, fam. 8. Also, Addie Morgan household for daughter Hallein M. age 19 born in Illinois, 1930 U.S. census, Evansville, Vanderburgh Co., Ind., Ward 6, ED 33, sh. 10A, dw. 233, fam. 250.

⁶⁵⁶ "Deaths...Hallein Kelley," *The Evansville Courier* (Ind.), Fri. 25 Apr. 1986, p. 18, col. 2.

⁶⁵⁷ Edgar H. [A.] Morgan household for son Marion W. age 7, 1920 U.S. census, Evansville, Vanderburgh Co., Ind., Ward 6, ED 147, sh. 1A, dw. 7, fam. 8. Also, Addie Morgan household for son Marion W. age 17 born in Illinois, 1930 U.S. census, Evansville, Vanderburgh Co., Ind., Ward 6, ED 33, sh. 10A, dw. 233, fam. 250.

⁶⁵⁸ "Deaths...Grace Burgdorf," *The Evansville Courier* (Ind.), Wed. 2 Sep. 1987, p. 13, col. 1. She was survived by brother Marion Morgan of Cincinnati.

⁶⁵⁹ Edgar H. [A.] Morgan household for daughter Addie age 6, 1920 U.S. census, Evansville, Vanderburgh Co., Ind., Ward 6, ED 147, sh. 1A, dw. 7, fam. 8. Also, Addie Morgan household for daughter Addie C. age 16 born in Illinois, 1930 U.S. census, Evansville, Vanderburgh Co., Ind., Ward 6, ED 33, sh. 10A, dw. 233, fam. 250.

⁶⁶⁰ Deaths...Grace Burgdorf," *The Evansville Courier* (Ind.), Wed. 2 Sep. 1987, p. 13, col. 1. She was survived by sister Addie Moore of Youngstown, Ohio.

⁶⁶¹ Addie Morgan 6 Mar. 1963 retyped obituary abstract from Evansville newspaper, *Browning Genealogy Evansville, Indiana Obituary Search* (browning.evcp.lib.in.us). Mrs. John Moore of Portland, Ohio, was one of the daughters named.

⁶⁶² "Age and Youth Not Spared by the Reaper," *Evansville Courier* (Ind.), Sun. 24 Sep. 1916, p. 16, col. 7.

⁶⁶³ Addie Morgan household for daughter Mildred E. age 9 born in Indiana, 1930 U.S. census, Evansville, Vanderburgh Co., Ind., Ward 6, ED 33, sh. 10A, dw. 233, fam. 250.

⁶⁶⁴ "Deaths...Grace Burgdorf," *The Evansville Courier* (Ind.), Wed. 2 Sep. 1987, p. 13, col. 1. She was survived by sister Mildred Sims of Nevada City, California.

⁶⁶⁵ "Evansville Deaths...Reis Morgan," *The Evansville Courier* (Ind.), Mon. 27 June 1966, p. 18, col. 5. Mrs. Dale Sims of Nevada City, Cal. was a survivor.

CHAPTER 23. MYRTLE MORGAN—CHRISTOPHER COLLINS FAMILY

Ranching and farming in Arizona Territory and Los Angeles County

23. MYRTLE BELL¹⁰ MORGAN (Milton Worthy Morgan⁹, Mary Elizabeth Thrall⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹)

Birth: 29 January 1884 in Nebraska⁶⁶⁶

Death: 15 June 1965 in San Bernardino, California⁶⁶⁷

Burial: TK

Spouse: **CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS COLLINS** married as his second wife 10 May 1910 in Phoenix, Maricopa County, Arizona Terr.⁶⁶⁸

Spouse's parents: Isaac McClendon and Mary Eliza (Wright) Collins⁶⁶⁹

Spouse's birth: 14 September 1874 in California

Spouse's death: 24 May 1949 in Los Angeles⁶⁷⁰

Spouse's burial: TK

Sixteen-year-old Myrtle was with her mother Amanda Teachout Morgan in Bone Gap in 1900,⁶⁷¹ and a student in Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska, in 1903 and 1905.⁶⁷²

Christopher had eight years of schooling and Myrtle three years of high school.⁶⁷³ TK where was he and 1st wife in 1900? TK Just before their 1910 marriage Christopher was a widowed “stock man” on a cattle ranch, living with his brother Thomas and sister-in-law Inez in Kirkland Valley, Yavapai County, Arizona Territory.⁶⁷⁴ In 1920 Chris and Myrtle and three children were farming in Wilson Precinct, Maricopa County, Arizona.⁶⁷⁵ In 1930 they were living in a \$25-a-month rental and he was a farm laborer in Pomona, Los Angeles County, California.⁶⁷⁶ TK CD there? In 1940 they owned the place and rented part of it for \$15 a month to daughter Ruth and family.⁶⁷⁷ In 1948 he and

⁶⁶⁶ For month, year, and state of birth, Amanda Morgan household for daughter Myrtle age 16, 1900 U.S. census, Bone Gap, Edwards Co., Ill., ED 16 sh. 9A, dw. 167, fam. 170.

⁶⁶⁷ Myrtle B. Morgan entry, 15 June 1965, California Death Index.

⁶⁶⁸ Myrtle B. Morgan—Christopher C. Collins marriage license and cert., 10 Jan. 1910, Phoenix, Maricopa Co., Ariz. Terr., Marriage Licenses 8:24; “Arizona, County Marriage Records, 1865–1972” > Maricopa > Marriage Licenses > image 38165 of 86651 (ancestry.com).

⁶⁶⁹ Named as parents of James Wright Collins (age 70), Arizona death cert. 5494, 25 Oct. 1948; “Arizona Death Records, 1887–1960” > Maricopa > 1940–1949 > image 424 of 22540 (ancestry.com). Also, I. M. Collins household for apparent son James age 8, 1880 U.S. census, Cucamonga, San Bernardino Co., Cal., ED 63, p. 52 (penned), dw./fam. 432. Also, Isaac M. Collins household, 1910 U.S. census, Cartwright Pct., Maricopa Co., Ariz. Terr., ED 55, sh. 3B, dw./fam. 57. Isaac and Mary's ages are fairly consistent.

⁶⁷⁰ Christopher Columbus Collins WWI draft card, serial #592, order #A1709, Yavapai County Local Board; “U.S., World War I Draft Registration Cards” > Arizona > Yavapai > Draft Card C > image 460 of 806 (ancestry.com). Christopher Columbus Collins, death index entry, California Death Index 1940–1997. Also, I. M. Collins household for apparent son Columbus age 6, 1880 U.S. census, Cucamonga, San Bernardino Co., Cal., ED 63, p. 52 (penned), dw./fam. 432.

⁶⁷¹ Amanda Morgan household for daughter Myrtle B. age 16, 1900 U.S. census, Bone Gap, Edwards Co., Ill., ED 16 sh. 9A, dw. 167, fam. 170.

⁶⁷² Amanda Morgan “wid. M. W.” lived on the north side of Miller, first east of Warren in 1901, on the northwest corner of College and Fowler in 1903, and at 302 E. Adams in 1905; *Hoye's City Directory of Lincoln* (Lincoln: Hoye Directory Co., 1901), p. 384, image 191 of 351 (ancestry.com). Similarly, 1903, p. 438, image 225 of 445; and 1905, p. 143, image 73 of 485. The Morgans were not found in 1906 or 1907. In 1905 University Place was enumerated separately within the Lincoln directory. Student Myrtle (1903) and Myrtle B. (1905) was at the same address as Amanda.

⁶⁷³ Christopher Collins household, 1940 U.S. census, Pomona, San Jose Twp., Los Angeles Co., Cal., ED 19-722, sh. 2B, dw. 65.

⁶⁷⁴ Thomas A. Collins household for brother Christopher C., 1910 U.S. census, Zonia [Kirkland Valley], Yavapai Co., Ariz. Terr., ED 123, sh. 14B, dw. 377, fam. 404.

⁶⁷⁵ Chris Collins household, 1920 U.S. census, Wilson Pct., Maricopa Co., Ariz., ED 19, sh. 14B, dw. 347, fam. 348.

⁶⁷⁶ Christopher C. Collins household, 1930 U.S. census, Pomona, Los Angeles Co., Cal., ED 1453, sh. 1A, dw./fam. 12.

⁶⁷⁷ Christopher Collins and Jacob Hepner households, 1940 U.S. census, Pomona, San Jose Twp., Los Angeles Co., Cal., ED 19-722, sh. 2B, dw. 65–66.

Myrtle registered to vote, he as a Democrat, she as a Republican.⁶⁷⁸ “C. C. Collins” appeared in San Bernardino in 1964, probably the widow Myrtle.⁶⁷⁹ TK more CDs and voter regs. to determine moves

⁶⁷⁸ Christopher C. Collins and Mrs. Myrtle B. Collins at 445 N. Park Ave., Index to Register of Voters, Pomona City Pct. 8, Los Angeles Co., Cal., 1948; “California, Voter Registrations 1900–1968” > Los Angeles County > 1948 > Roll 71 > image 1115 of 1249 (ancestry.com).

⁶⁷⁹ C. C. Collins entry, *Luskey's San Bernardino Criss Cross City Directory and Blue Book* (Anaheim, Cal.: Luskey Brothers & Co., 1964), pp. 75 (alphabetical) and 105 (street address). Neither entry indicated any telephone, and evidently the place at 24821 E. 5th was rented.

CHAPTER 24. RAYMOND MORGAN—ADA VENSEL—STELLA (—?) FAMILY

Farmer and rubber worker

24. RAYMOND LEE¹⁰ MORGAN SR. (Milton Worthy Morgan⁹, Mary Elizabeth Thrall⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹)

Birth: 14 May 1890 in Meadow Grove, Madison County, Nebraska⁶⁸⁰

Death: 27 March 1936 in Los Angeles⁶⁸¹ TK order death cert.?

Burial: with his mother in Whittier, Los Angeles County, California⁶⁸²

Spouse #1: **ADA PEARL VENSEL** married 16 February 1913 in Maricopa County, Arizona⁶⁸³

Spouse #1's parents: W. J. and Alice (Mosier) Vensel⁶⁸⁴

Spouse#1's birth: 3 October 1892 in Arizona

Spouse#1's death: bronchial pneumonia in Phoenix 7 February 1920, six days after delivering her second child⁶⁸⁵

Spouse#1's burial: not known

Spouse #2: **STELLA L. [(—?)]** married probably between 1926 and 1930, possibly in Los Angeles

Spouse #2's parents: not known

Spouse #2's birth: about 1890 in Kansas

Spouse #2's death: not known

Spouse #2's burial: not known

Raymond was with his mother Amanda and family in Bone Gap in 1900, and soon thereafter a student in Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska, in 1903 and 1905.⁶⁸⁶ His mother transferred “lot 7 block 1 Athena Place” to him in January 1911, and two years later, soon after his marriage he transferred it to A. D. Crabb.⁶⁸⁷ TK was this in Nebraska? When to AZ? In 1917, farming in Glendale, Arizona, he was described as of medium height and build with grey eyes and brown hair. He named mother and wife as dependents, but did not claim an exemption.⁶⁸⁸

In 1920 they TK owned their home at 720 East McKinley in Phoenix (having moved there from nearby Peoria, Arizona, five months earlier). Raymond was a salesman at a service station, and his mother Amanda, age 55, was a nurse.⁶⁸⁹ TK Phoenix CD for move? Or divorce? In 1925 Ray L.

⁶⁸⁰ Ray Morgan WWI draft card, #3269 or 1072, Peoria Pct., Maricopa Co., Ariz., 5 June 1917; “U.S., World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918” > Arizona > Maricopa County > Draft Card M > image 1626 of 1890 (ancestry.com).

⁶⁸¹ Raymond L. Morgan death index entry, Los Angeles 1936; California Death Index, 1905–1939.

⁶⁸² Amanda M. Morgan 1863–1946 and Raymond L. Morgan 1890–1936 grave markers, images, Rose Hills Memorial Park, Whittier, Los Angeles Co., Cal., memorial 89,904,876 by David Kaspereit (findagrave.com).

⁶⁸³ Raymond L. Morgan–Ada P. Vinsel marriage 16 Feb. 1913, Maricopa Co. license, p. 246; “Arizona, County Marriage Records, 1865–1972” > Maricopa > Marriage Licenses > image 39662 of 86651 (ancestry.com).

⁶⁸⁴ Ada Morgan death cert. Ariz. #204, 7 Feb. 1920; “Arizona, Death Records, 1887–1960” > Maricopa > 1920–1929 > image 13817 of 16104 (ancestry.com). W. J. was born in Penn., Alice in Mo.

⁶⁸⁵ Ada Morgan death cert. Ariz. #204, 7 Feb. 1920; “Arizona, Death Records, 1887–1960” > Maricopa > 1920–1929 > image 13817 of 16104 (ancestry.com). W. J. was born in Penn., Alice in Mo.

⁶⁸⁶ Amanda Morgan household for son Raymond, 1900 U.S. census, Bone Gap, Edwards Co., Ill., ED 16 sh. 9A, dw. 167, fam. 170. Also, Amanda Morgan “wid. M. W.” lived on the north side of Miller, first east of Warren in 1901, on the northwest corner of College and Fowler in 1903, and at 302 E. Adams in 1905; *Hoye's City Directory of Lincoln* (Lincoln: Hoye Directory Co., 1901), p. 384, image 191 of 351 (ancestry.com). Similarly, 1903, p. 438, image 225 of 445; and 1905, p. 143, image 73 of 485. The Morgans were not found there in 1906 or 1907. In 1905 University Place was enumerated separately within the Lincoln directory. Student “Ray” (1903) and “Raymond” (1905) was at the same address as Amanda.

⁶⁸⁷ “Real Estate Transfers,” *Arizona Republican*, Tue. 28 Jan. 1911, p. 1, col. 2, and p. 2 col. 1, Sat. 25 Jan. 1913.

⁶⁸⁸ Ray Morgan WWI draft card, #3269 or 1072, Peoria Pct., Maricopa Co., Ariz., 5 June 1917; “U.S., World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918” > Arizona > Maricopa County > Draft Card M > image 1626 of 1890 (ancestry.com).

⁶⁸⁹ Ray L. Morgan household, 1920 U.S. census, Phoenix, Maricopa Co., Ariz., ED 64, sh. 8B, dw. 159, fam. 189. For the move, see Ada Morgan death cert. Ariz. #204, 7 Feb. 1920; “Arizona, Death Records, 1887–1960” > Maricopa > 1920–1929 > image 13817 of 16104 (ancestry.com).

Morgan, “tireblldr” with no named wife, lived at 230 West Cedar in Compton, Los Angeles County, California. In 1926, Ray L. Morgan with no named wife was a rubberworker at Samson Tire and Rubber Co., living at 805 Hickory in Compton.⁶⁹⁰ In 1930 Stella and Raymond and two children were in Los Angeles; Stella was a department store clerk and Raymond remained a rubber worker; the enumerator probably meant to include them in the same household. TK what does this mean? They rented at 812 Stewart Street for \$30 a month.⁶⁹¹

In 1932 Ray L. Morgan had no named wife or occupation and was living at 2435 East Anaheim in Long Beach, while Mrs. Stella Morgan was at 1365 Temple Avenue there, one-third of a mile away.⁶⁹² In 1936 Ray Morgan, rubberworker, lived at 1115 Fraser Avenue in Los Angeles, and Mrs. Stella Morgan was at 2119 Griffith Avenue there, about six miles away.⁶⁹³ TK PUZZLE 1940 where was she &/or the children? ACPLGC for CDs?

⁶⁹⁰ Ray L. Morgan, *Watts–Compton City Directory 1925* [misabeled “Compton” by ancestry.com] (Los Angeles: Los Angeles Directory Co., 1925), p. 242, image 130 of 324 (ancestry.com). Ray was absent from the 1922–1923 directory. Similarly, *1927–1928*, but copyright 1926, p. 221, image 223 of 524 (ancestry.com).

⁶⁹¹ Robert [Ray L.] Morgan household, 1930 U.S. census, Los Angeles, Los Angeles Co., Cal., ED 338, sh. 16A, no dw./fam. nos.

⁶⁹² Morgan entries, *Polk’s Long Beach California City Directory 1932* (Long Beach: R. L. Polk & Co. of California, 1932), 419, image 210 of 493 (ancestry.com).

⁶⁹³ Morgan entries, *Los Angeles City Directory 1936* (Los Angeles: Los Angeles Directory Co., 1936), p. 1300, image 658 of 682 (ancestry.com).

CHAPTER 25. EZRA MORGAN–MARY FLINT FAMILY

“Conservation of the People and the Rural Community”

25. EZRA LEONIDAS “LON”¹⁰ MORGAN (Allyn Theodore Morgan⁹, Mary Elizabeth Thrall⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John^{4,3}, Timothy², William¹)

Birth: 22 August 1879 in Bone Gap

Death: 9 October 1937 in St. Louis City, “apparently of natural causes, while visiting Miss Jeanne Wiukerson [Wilkerson], a friend of his daughters, at 4953 Washington boulevard, . . . while thumbing through a book”⁶⁹⁴

Burial: 12 October 1937 in Columbia, Boone County, Missouri⁶⁹⁵

Spouse: **MARY FLETCHER FLINT** married 26 June 1906 in Murphysboro, Jackson County, Illinois⁶⁹⁶

Spouse’s parents: John W. and Minerva (Robertson) Flint⁶⁹⁷

Spouse’s birth: 9 June 1881 in Mt. Vernon, Jefferson County, Illinois

Spouse’s death: 29 December 1945 in Columbia, Boone County, Missouri, of coronary occlusion and influenza

Spouse’s burial: 1 January 1946 at Columbia Cemetery there⁶⁹⁸

Mary “entered McKendree in September, 1899 and graduated in June, 1903, with the degree of A.B. She was a member of the Clionian Literary Society. For two years after her graduation she was a teacher occupying a position as assistant principal of the Trenton [Clinton County] high school.” As of 1928 she and Ezra were both members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, residing in Columbia, Missouri.⁶⁹⁹

Ezra grew up on a farm near Bone Gap and was educated in country schools, including 20 days in College Hill School during the month ending 4 May 1888.⁷⁰⁰ After attending the collegiate institute at Albion, Edwards County, he entered McKendree College in the spring term of 1901, and graduated in 1904 with an A.B. degree. He then worked six years for the YMCA, four in Ford County, Illinois, and two in Kansas.

He studied economics and rural sociology at the University of Wisconsin 1910–12, receiving a Master of Arts there. During the summer of 1912 he was a lecturer for the National Lincoln Chautauqua System and delivered addresses at 120 Chautauquas in seven states.⁷⁰¹ Chautauquas – affordable summer retreats that combined recreation and edifying lectures – were popular from the 1870s into the 1920s. The movement had some Methodist roots.⁷⁰² Among his most popular lectures

⁶⁹⁴ “Prof. E. L. Morgan Funeral,” *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, Mon. 11 Oct. 1937, p. 3C, col. 2, stating that he died on Saturday. U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, *Experiment Station Record 1938* (Washington, D.C.: Government Printing Office, 1939), 580, erroneously gives 12 Oct., likely the burial date (see following note).

⁶⁹⁵ Ezra L. Morgan death cert. 35891, St. Louis City, 9 Oct. 1937; *Missouri Digital Heritage* > Collections > Death Certificates > “Missouri Death Certificates, 1910–1967.” The certificate states that he died of coronary occlusion and renal sclerosis en route to City Hospital #1; that there was no attending physician; and that an autopsy was performed. Ancestral information was scanty; the informant was Sam F. Hendricks of Jefferson City.

⁶⁹⁶ Unsourced pedigree chart prepared 22 Dec. 1996 by Roger C. Moe, in author’s possession.

⁶⁹⁷ Mary Morgan, Mo. death cert. 40501, 29 Dec. 1945. The informant was Mrs. F. J. Loomis of Columbia.

⁶⁹⁸ Mary Morgan, Mo. death cert. 40501, 29 Dec. 1945.

⁶⁹⁹ *Centennial McKendree College with St. Clair County History* (Lebanon, Ill.: McKendree College, 1928), 379.

⁷⁰⁰ “Miscellaneous School Records, Edwards County, Illinois, 1865, 1873–1875, 1878–1880, 1883 and 1888,” College Hill month ending 4 May 1888, typescript evidently transcribed from a standard “Schedule of a Common School,” 27–28; copy in author’s possession, likely from Edwards County Historical Society, Albion, Ill.

⁷⁰¹ “Prof. E. Lon Morgan,” *Centennial McKendree College with St. Clair County History* (Lebanon, Ill.: McKendree College, 1928), 382.

⁷⁰² Cindy S. Aron, *Working at Play: A History of Vacations in the United States* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1999), 101–26.

were “Conservation of the People and the Rural Community” and “Conservation of the Soil and Corn Culture.”⁷⁰³

From 1913 to 1919 Ezra was first “community field agent in the extension service” at the Massachusetts Agricultural College at Amherst,⁷⁰⁴ and later “extension professor of rural organization.” He then became national director of rural service in the American Red Cross. TK web site for history? From 1921 to his death, he was professor and chairman of the department of rural sociology at the University of Missouri, Columbia,⁷⁰⁵ and served as vice-chairman of the (Missouri) State Social Security Commission.⁷⁰⁶ TK web site for history?

301.35 N33R ACPLGC adult storage Lowry Nelson, *Rural Sociology: Its Origin and Growth in the United States* (Greenwood, 1980) TK also UND, IU NW,

⁷⁰³ “Prof. E. Lon Morgan,” *Centennial McKendree College with St. Clair County History* (Lebanon, Ill.: McKendree College, 1928), 382.

⁷⁰⁴ *Fiftieth Annual Report of the Massachusetts Agricultural College*, Part 1 (Boston: Wright & Potter, Feb. 1913, 10. Fifteen years later McKendree’s centennial history glorified his position as “in charge of the department of Applied Sociology.”

⁷⁰⁵ U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, *Experiment Station Record 1938* (Washington, D.C.: Government Printing Office, 1939), 580.

⁷⁰⁶ “Prof E. L. Morgan of Missouri University Dead,” undated clipping, likely from Albion newspaper, copy in author’s possession.

CHAPTER 26. EARL MORGAN–EFFIE BANKSTON FAMILY

Milk peddler to railroad switchman

26. EARL AMOS¹⁰ MORGAN (Allyn Theodore Morgan⁹, Mary Elizabeth Thrall⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John^{4,3}, Timothy², William¹)

Birth: 10 June 1890 in Bone Gap, Edwards County

Death: 17 March 1960 in Illinois Central Hospital, Cook County⁷⁰⁷

Burial: Spencer Heights Memorial Cemetery, Mounds, Pulaski County⁷⁰⁸

Spouse: **EFFIE GERTRUDE BANKSTON** married 10 June 1920 in Mounds⁷⁰⁹

Spouse's parents: Henry J. and Elizabeth Frances (McCallum) Bankston⁷¹⁰

Spouse's birth: about 1891–92 in Illinois

Spouse's death: after 6 July 1981 when she was in Mounds and outlived sister Lily (Bankston) (Lindsey) Lackey.⁷¹¹ Earl's wife may well be the Gertrude Morgan who was born 22 October 1891 and died 11 March 1988, last residence Arcadia, DeSoto County, Florida.⁷¹²

Spouse's burial: TK

Earl had at least one year of college, Gertrude four years of high school.⁷¹³ He attended McKendree College.⁷¹⁴ Venturing farther from home, in 1917 he was a “milk peddler” working for H. G. Wentworth in Amherst, Massachusetts, where he also attended the Massachusetts Agricultural College (now University of Massachusetts Amherst) and was elected sergeant-at-arms of the class of 1919.⁷¹⁵ It seems likely that he followed half-brother Ezra Lon to the school. Earl was at war from 4 July 1917 to 16 August 1919, ultimately serving as 1st lieutenant infantry, in Company A, 15th Machine Gun Battalion, 5th Division, U. S. Army.⁷¹⁶

Shortly before their 1920 marriage, Gertrude was living in her brother-in-law's household and teaching school in Mounds;⁷¹⁷ Earl was a “dairy laborer” in Bone Gap living with his parents,⁷¹⁸ and

⁷⁰⁷ Earl Amos Morgan, Application for Headstone or Marker, 13 June 1960; “U.S., Headstone Applications for Military Veterans, 1925–1963 > 1960–1961 > Moorehead–Nelson > image 291 of 4065 (ancestry.com). For place of birth, Earl Amos Morgan, WWI draft card #2212/581/196, Amherst, Mass.; “U.S., World War I, Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918” > Massachusetts > Amherst City > 8 > Draft Card M > image 390 of 482 (ancestry.com). Also, “Bone Gap Native Claimed by Death,” *Mt. Carmel Republican-Register* (Ill.), Wed. 23 Mar. 1960, p. 7A, col. 4.

⁷⁰⁸ Earl Amos Morgan grave marker, image, Spencer Heights Memorial Cemetery, Mounds, Pulaski Co., Ill., memorial #128,850,311 by Randy Watkins (findagrave.com).

⁷⁰⁹ Earl Amos Morgan–Effie Gertrude Bankston marriage, 10 June 1920, Pulaski Co., Ill., Register of Marriages, 2:273; “Illinois, County Marriages, 1810–1940,” FHL 940,486, image 567 of 618. No details or parents' names were included although the form had blanks from them. Officiating was Earl's grandmother's brother, Rev. Charles W. Campbell (Chapter 4).

⁷¹⁰ Jepha [elsewhere Alpha] Bankston–Roy C. Connell marriage, 3 Sep. 1911, Mounds, Pulaski Co., Ill., Register of Marriages 2:122; “Illinois, County Marriages, 1810–1940,” image 410 of 618, naming her parents as Henry J. Bankston and Frances E. McCallum (ancestry.com). Also, Henry J. Bankston household for daughter Gertrude age 18, 1910 U.S. census, Mounds, Pulaski Co., Ill., Ward 2, ED 89, sh. 11B, dw. 180, fam. 186.

⁷¹¹ “Lily M. Lackey,” *Southern Illinoisian* (Carbondale), Tue. 7 July 1981, p. 19, col. 2. Also, Henry J. Bankston household for daughter Gertrude age 18, 1910 U.S. census, Mounds, Pulaski Co., Ill., Ward 2, ED 89, sh. 11B, dw. 180, fam. 186.

⁷¹² This Gertrude is the only one in the Social Security Death Index who was (1) born in 1891 or 1892 and (2) alive after 6 July 1981. If Gertrude lived that deep into the 20th century without a Social Security number, then this is the wrong person. In the Florida Death Index she is Gertrude M. Morgan.

⁷¹³ Earl Morgan Sr. household, 1940 U.S. census, Harvey, Thornton Twp., Cook Co., Ill., ED 16-90, sh. 10A, dw. 249.

⁷¹⁴ “Bone Gap Native Claimed by Death,” *Mt. Carmel Republican-Register* (Ill.), Wed. 23 Mar. 1960, p. 7A, col. 4.

⁷¹⁵ Earl Amos Morgan, WWI draft card #2212/581/196, Amherst, Mass.; “U.S., World War I, Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918” > Massachusetts > Amherst City > 8 > Draft Card M > image 390 of 482 (ancestry.com). Also, “Hampshire County . . . Massachusetts Agricultural College,” *Springfield Daily Republican*, Fri. 1 Oct. 1915, p. 15, cols. 3–4.

⁷¹⁶ Earl Amos Morgan, Application for Headstone or Marker, 13 June 1960; “U.S., Headstone Applications for Military Veterans, 1925–1963” > 1960–1961 > Moorehead–Nelson > image 291 of 4065 (ancestry.com).

⁷¹⁷ L.H. Corzine household for sister-in-law Gertrude Bankston, 1920 U.S. census, ED 98, sh. 1A, dw./fam. 14.

⁷¹⁸ Allyn T. Morgan household for son Earl A. Morgan, age 29, 1920 U.S. census, Bone Gap, Edwards Co., Ill., ED 20, sh. 4B, dw. 138, fam. 139.

was also enumerated as a laborer at Edward and Alta Britton's place in Mounds.⁷¹⁹ (Earl was called "cousin"—he and Ernest Britton were second cousins; Edward G. Britton was Earl's first cousin once removed by marriage.)

In 1930 and 1931 Earl and Gertrude were in Mounds, where they owned their home (with radio) on South McKinley Avenue, valued at \$2000.⁷²⁰ Confusingly, Earl was identified as living in Markham City (adjacent to Harvey in Cook County) when he visited his parents in June 1930. As of mid-July he had a job there.⁷²¹ In 1940 they were back to renting (\$35/month) at 15219 Center Avenue, Harvey, Cook County. In 1930 and 1940 he was a switchman for the "steam railroad,"⁷²² in this case the Illinois Central, where he worked for 35 years before retiring to Mounds. There he was active in the Methodist church.⁷²³

⁷¹⁹ B. G. [E.G.] Britton household for Earl Morgan, "cousin," age 29, 1920 U.S. census, Mounds, Pulaski Co., Ill., ED 987, sh. 1A, dw. 645, fam. 696.

⁷²⁰ Earl A. Morgan household, 1930 U.S. census, Mounds, Pulaski Co., Ill., Ward 1, ED 8, sh. 18B, dw. 477, fam. 488. For 1931, "A.T. Morgan, One of County's Leading Residents, Is Dead," *Albion [Ill.] Journal-Register*, Thur. 3 Dec. 1931, p. 1, col. 8.

⁷²¹ "Shower for a Recent Bride," *Mt. Carmel Daily Republican-Register* (Ill.), Thur. 12 June 1930, p. 6, col. 2. Similarly, "Bone Gap News," Thur. 17 July, p. 5, col. 1.

⁷²² Earl Morgan Sr. household, 1940 U.S. census, Harvey, Thornton Twp., Cook Co., Ill., ED 16-90, sh. 10A, dw. 249.

⁷²³ "Bone Gap Native Claimed by Death," *Mt. Carmel Republican-Register* (Ill.), Wed. 23 Mar. 1960, p. 7A, col. 4.

CHAPTER 27. EVART MORGAN–ELSIE DRURY–EVA BRINES FAMILY
From Pueblo to Bone Gap, “most of the 1,500 miles dirt road”

27. EVART WILLIAM⁴⁰ MORGAN (Allyn Theodore Morgan⁹, Mary Elizabeth Thrall⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John^{4,3}, Timothy², William¹)

Birth: 19 March 1892 in Bone Gap, Edwards County⁷²⁴

Death: 2 March 1979 in Pueblo, Pueblo County, Colorado

Burial: 6 March 1979 at Imperial Memorial Gardens there⁷²⁵

Spouse #1: ELSIE P. DRURY married 20 March 1912 in Bone Gap

Spouse #1's parents: J. T. and Elizabeth (Thread) Drury

Spouse #1's birth: 2 February 1889 in Illinois

Spouse #1's death: 27 July 1914

Spouse #1's burial: Bone Gap Cemetery⁷²⁶

Spouse #2: EVA BRINES married 25 October 1917 in West Salem, Edwards County⁷²⁷

Spouse #2's parents: Morris and Jennie (Mull) Brines

Spouse #2's birth: 17 October 1889 Mt. Carmel, Wabash County

Spouse #2's death: September 1981

Spouse #2's burial: Imperial Memorial Gardens, Pueblo, Colorado⁷²⁸

TK where was Elsie in 1900 and 1910? In 1900 Eva lived with father Morris and apparent mother Jennie in Bellmont village, Wabash County, Illinois.⁷²⁹ In 1910 she was a “sister-in-law” in the Fisher household in Bellmont.⁷³⁰

Evart and Eva both had eight years of schooling.⁷³¹ In 1917 he was described as tall and slender, with blue eyes and black hair. He claimed exemption from the draft due to “rheumatism in shoulder” and “throat trouble.”⁷³²

They left the area in 1919 after a farewell dinner 24 August:

At the home of J. R. Fisher and family of Gards Point a farewell dinner was given Sunday for Evart Morgan and wife of Bone Gap, who leave this week for Pueblo, Colorado to make

⁷²⁴ Everett [Evert] William Morgan WWI draft card #595/6, Bone Gap, Ill.; “U.S., World War I, Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918” > Illinois > Edwards Co. > Draft Card M > image 187 of 210 (ancestry.com).

⁷²⁵ Evart W. Morgan grave marker, Imperial Memorial Gardens, Pueblo, Col., image, memorial #64,542,116 for Evart William Morgan by Ralph & Donna Sullivan (findagrave.com).

⁷²⁶ Evart W. Morgan–Elsie P. Drury marriage lic. #4086, 19 Mar. 1912, marr. 20 Mar. in Bone Gap, Marriage Record 2:99; “Illinois, County Marriages, 1810–1940,” image 477 of 654, FHL 1,401,780. For death, Elsie P. wife of E. W. Morgan grave marker, image, Bone Gap Cemetery, Bone Gap, Ill., memorial #140,962,515 for Elsie P. Morgan by Janice (Teel) Crites (findagrave.com).

⁷²⁷ Evart W. Morgan–Eav [Eva] B. Brines marr. 25 Oct. 1917, Edwards Co. Register of Marriages p. 50, #4563; “Illinois, County Marriages, 1810–1940” > FHL 1,401,780, DCG 4,661,397 > image 560 of 654 (familysearch.org). Officiant was Rev. P. M. Durham; witnesses Norma Fisher and Harry Epler. Also, “Evart W. Morgan,” *The Pueblo Chieftain* (Col.), Mon. 5 Mar. 1979, p. 8B, col. 3.

⁷²⁸ For birth date and death month, Eva B. Morgan index entry, SSDI. For years, Eva B. Morgan grave marker, Imperial Memorial Gardens, Pueblo, Col., image, memorial #64,542,133 for Eva Brines Morgan by Ralph & Donna Sullivan (findagrave.com). Place of birth and Eva’s mother’s maiden surname from marriage record above (note TK).

⁷²⁹ Morris Brines household for daughter Eva born Oct. 1888, 1900 U.S. census, Bellmont village, Wabash Co., Ill., ED 84, sh. 11B, dw. 226, fam. 234.

⁷³⁰ John Fisher household for sister-in-law Evah age 20, 1910 U.S. census, Bellmont pct., Wabash Co., Ill., ED 170, sh. 12B, dw. 246, fam. 249.

⁷³¹ Evart W. Morgan household, 1940 U.S. census, Pueblo, Pueblo Co., Col., ED 51-38, sh. 13A dw. 273.

⁷³² Everett [Evert] William Morgan WWI draft card #595/6, Bone Gap, Ill.; “U.S., World War I, Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918” > Illinois > Edwards Co. > Draft Card M > image 187 of 210 (ancestry.com).

their future home. It was a very happy affair and all of Mrs. Morgan's brothers and sisters and their families were there. Those present were J. Schneck Brines and family, of Mount Carmel; J. R. Brines, Jr., and family, T. K. Wright and family, M. W. Brines and family, H. C. Bell and family, of Maud; Gilbert Brines and wife, of Groffs, Earl and Evart Morgan and wife, of Bone Gap; and J. R. Fisher and family."⁷³³

They didn't get to Pueblo right away, however. In 1920 Evart and Eva were living in Tulsa, Oklahoma; he was a barber and they had five boarders in the house at 1236 Admiral.⁷³⁴ One year later he was barbering in Pueblo and they lived at 832 East 4th Street.⁷³⁵ They settled there but kept up family visits back to Illinois for more than fifty years. On their 1924 visit from Pueblo, "They drove through and found most of the 1,500 miles dirt road."⁷³⁶

In 1930 they owned a \$1500 house at 731 Brown Avenue in Pueblo.⁷³⁷ Evart reported that in eleven years of barbering, he had "never been late to work except four mornings." Barbering was not their only support: "At their home they have one thousand chickens and get from 470 to 530 eggs per day. At five o'clock each morning the hen houses are lit up with electric lights."⁷³⁸

By 1940 their house was said to be worth \$3000.⁷³⁹ (Colorado's statewide average that year was \$2091.)⁷⁴⁰ They were still there in 1975.⁷⁴¹ Evart was a member of Adriance Methodist Church, Pueblo AARP, and the local barbers' union, retiring in 1965.⁷⁴²

Not only did they visit southeastern Illinois regularly, they also retained some farmland there. In August 1931 Evart's father Allyn, then 75 years old (and three months before his death), spent a day in Wabash County looking after Eva's unspecified "farm interests" there.⁷⁴³ Evart and Eva owned eighty acres in the west half of the southeast quarter of Section 17, Township 1 South, Range 13 West (in Wabash County), which was valued at \$7040 in 1966 and \$11,880 in 1970.⁷⁴⁴ TK Check in Mt. Carmel?

⁷³³ "Society: A Farewell Dinner," *Mt. Carmel Daily Republican-Register* (Ill.), Tue. 26 Aug. 1919, p. 3, col. 2.

⁷³⁴ Edart [Evart] W. Morgan household, 1920 U.S. census, Tulsa, Tulsa Co., Okla., Pct. 11, ED 225, sh. 8B, dw. 147, fam. 151.

⁷³⁵ Evart W. Morgan entry, *Pueblo City Directory 1921* (Colorado Springs: R. L. Polk & Co., 1921), 232, image 121 of 277 (ancestry.com).

⁷³⁶ "State Patrol Man on the Job," *Mt. Carmel Daily Republican-Register* (Ill.), Sat. 27 Sep. 1924, p. 3, col. 5. Actual distance is about 1000 miles.

⁷³⁷ Evart W. Morgan household, 1930 U.S. census, Pueblo, Pueblo Co., Col., ED 36, sh. 9B, dw. 225, fam. 228.

⁷³⁸ "Bone Gap News," *Mt. Carmel Daily Republican-Register* (Ill.), Thur. 5 Feb. 1931, p. 5, col. 5.

⁷³⁹ Evart W. Morgan household, 1940 U.S. census, Pueblo, Pueblo Co., Col., ED 51-38, sh. 13A dw. 273.

⁷⁴⁰ Statewide figures from *United State Census Bureau*, Census of Housing, Historical Census of Housing Tables, Median Home Values Unadjusted 1940 (census.gov/hhes/www/housing/census/historic/values.html).

⁷⁴¹ Evart W. Morgan entry, *1975 Pueblo (Pueblo, Pueblo Co., Colo.) City Directory* (Kansas City, Missouri: R. L. Polk & Co., 1975), 598, image 816 of 1688 (ancestry.com).

⁷⁴² "Evart W. Morgan," *The Pueblo Chieftain* (Col.), Mon. 5 Mar. 1979, p. 8B, col. 3.

⁷⁴³ "Live Wires of Bone Gap Meet" (Bone Gap locals), *Mt. Carmel Daily Republican-Register* (Ill.), Fri. 28 Aug. 1931, p. 3, col. 4.

⁷⁴⁴ "Official Publications of Assessment Roll for 1966," *Mt. Carmel Daily Republican-Register* (Ill.), Tue. 26 July 1966, p. 10, col. 4; similarly, 1970, \$11,880, Thur. 23 July 1970, p. 10, col. 3.

CHAPTER 28. HALE MORGAN-EDNA WHEELER FAMILY

Automobile mechanic for the moving picture industry

28. HALE EUGENE⁴⁰ MORGAN (Wilbur Amos Morgan⁹, Mary Elizabeth Thrall⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹)

Birth: 4 June 1886 in Bone Gap⁷⁴⁵

Death: 28 December 1954 in Los Angeles County, California⁷⁴⁶

Burial: Mountain View Cemetery and Mausoleum in Altadena, Los Angeles County⁷⁴⁷

Spouse: **EDNA BLANCHE WHEELER** married 25 January 1907 in Albion, Edwards County⁷⁴⁸

Spouse's parents: John B. and Minnie (Henderson) Wheeler⁷⁴⁹

Spouse's birth: 5 May 1889

Spouse's death: November 1979⁷⁵⁰

Spouse's burial: Mountain View Cemetery and Mausoleum in Altadena, Los Angeles County⁷⁵¹

In 1900 Hale was living with his family in Bone Gap and attending school with his next-door first cousins Myrtle and Raymond Morgan (children of Hale's late uncle Milton and aunt Amanda Morgan).⁷⁵² In 1910 he was proprietor of a general store there.⁷⁵³ Edna visited her grandparents, the John Hendersons, at Browns, Thursday 16 February 1911.⁷⁵⁴ Hale had two years of college, Edna four years of high school.⁷⁵⁵

At some point after 1912 (when a daughter was born in Illinois), the family broke away and went west. In 1920 they were in Sunnyside Precinct, Yakima County, Washington, with his mother "E. Jennie." Hale worked as an automobile mechanic.⁷⁵⁶ In 1930 he was foreman of a garage (likely auto repair) and they owned a radio and a \$6500 house at 1851 Corson Street, Pasadena Township, Los Angeles County, California—apparently now an on-ramp to the 210.⁷⁵⁷ (Hale and Willard lived about 2 ½ miles apart.) After ten years of the Great Depression, their house value had dropped to \$4000 (still above the statewide average of \$3527) but they hung onto it; Hale remained an auto

⁷⁴⁵ For birth date, Hale Eugene Morgan, WWI draft card, serial #5812, order #A54-29, Yakima Co., Wash., 12 Sep. 1918; "U.S., World War I, Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918" > Washington > Yakima Co., H–Searle > image 3552 of 5763 (familysearch.org). For birth place, Hale Eugene Morgan, WW2 draft card, serial #484, order #189; "U.S., World War II, Draft Registration Cards, 1942" > California > Lothar-Zwanzig > image 481 of 2392 (ancestry.com). Signature on card.

⁷⁴⁶ Hale Eugene Morgan index entry, "California Death Index, 1940-1997"

⁷⁴⁷ Hale E. Morgan (1886–1954) grave marker, grave 8, lot 1243, Radiant Meadow, Mountain View Cemetery and Mausoleum, Altadena, Cal., image, memorial #171,422,876 for Hale Eugene Morgan by RHare (findagrave.com).

⁷⁴⁸ Hale E. Morgan–Edna B. Wheeler marriage license 3616, 25 Jan. 1907, Edwards Co., Ill., marriage record 2:62; FHL 1,401,780, image 440 of 654. Hale was a merchant living in Bone Gap; Edna was living in Mt. Vernon, Jefferson Co., Ill. Rev. R. D. Woodley officiated.

⁷⁴⁹ John B. Wheeler household for mother Minnie J. and daughter Edna B. age 11, 1900 U.S. census, Browns, Edwards Co., Ill., ED 17, sh. 7B, dw./fam. 144. Edna was the second oldest in a family of seven children. John was a "railroad boss." For Minnie's birth surname, Hale E. Morgan–Edna B. Wheeler marriage license 3616, 25 Jan. 1907, Edwards Co., Ill., marriage record 2:62; FHL 1,401,780, image 440 of 654.

⁷⁵⁰ Edna Wheeler index entry, b. 5 May 1889, d. Nov. 1979, last residence Pasadena, SSDI. Edna B. Morgan (1889-1979) grave marker,

⁷⁵¹ Edna B. Morgan (1889–1979) grave marker, grave 8, lot 1243, Radiant Meadow, Mountain View Cemetery and Mausoleum, Altadena, Cal., image, memorial #171,422,785 for Edna Blanche Wheeler Morgan by Rhare (findagrave.com).

⁷⁵² William [Wilbur] Morgan household for Hale age 13, 1900 U.S. census, Bone Gap, Edwards Co., Ill., ED 16, sh. 9A, dw. 168, fam. 171.

⁷⁵³ Hale E. Morgan household, 1910 U.S. census, Bone Gap, Edwards Co., Ill., ED 16, sh. 2B, dw./fam. 51.

⁷⁵⁴ "County News . . . Browns," *Daily Republican-Register* (Mt. Carmel, Ill.), Wed. 22 Feb. 1911, p. 3, col. 3. Mrs. Mary Speedy of Los Angeles also went.

⁷⁵⁵ Hale E. Morgan household, 1940 U.S. census, Pasadena Twp., Los Angeles Co., Cal., ED 19-539, sh. 11A, dw. 265.

⁷⁵⁶ Hale E. Morgan household, 1920 U.S. census, Sunnyside Pct., Yakima Co., Wash., ED 207, sh. 9A, dw./fam. 26.

⁷⁵⁷ Hale E. Morgan household, 1930 U.S. census, Pasadena Twp., Los Angeles Co., Cal., ED 1274, sh. 12A, dw. 334, fam. 338.

mechanic—for the “moving picture” industry.⁷⁵⁸ In 1942 he was working for the same company as brother Willard: Brown Valve and Manufacturing Company in Alhambra.⁷⁵⁹

As late as August 1945 Hale and Edna traveled together from California to visit relatives in Edwards County,⁷⁶⁰ and in 1946 they registered from the same address as Republicans.⁷⁶¹ Evidently they divorced at some point after that TK LATER DIRECTORIES, and married each a second time 25 October 1954 in Pasadena, Los Angeles County, California.⁷⁶² Hale died two months and three days after their remarriage.

⁷⁵⁸ Hale E. Morgan household for wife Edna (the informant), 1940 U.S. census, Pasadena Twp., Los Angeles Co., Cal., ED 19-539, sh. 11A, dw. 265. (House value mistranscribed by ancestry.com as \$1,000.) Statewide figures from *United State Census Bureau*, Census of Housing, Historical Census of Housing Tables, Median Home Values Unadjusted 1940 (census.gov/hhes/www/housing/census/historic/values.html).

⁷⁵⁹ Hale Eugene Morgan, WW2 draft card, serial #484, order #189; “U.S., World War II, Draft Registration Cards, 1942” > California > Lothar-Zwanzig > image 481 of 2392 (ancestry.com).

⁷⁶⁰ “Bone Gap News,” *Daily Republican-Register* (Mt. Carmel, Ill.), Wed. 29 Aug. 1945, p. 3, cols 3–4.

⁷⁶¹ Hale E. Morgan and Mrs. Edna B. Morgan of 1851 Corson St., Index to Register of Voters, Lamanda Pct. 2, Los Angeles Co., Cal., 1946; “California, Voter Registrations, 1900–1968 > Los Angeles County > 1946 > Roll 65 > image 66 of 1048 (ancestry.com).

⁷⁶² Hale Eugene Morgan–Edna B. Morgan marriage license #14124, 25 Oct. 1954, Los Angeles Co., Cal., marriage record 3777:47; “California, County Marriages, 1850–1952,” FHL 1,343,396, image 1375 of 3153. Both reported being divorced.

CHAPTER 29. GLEN MORGAN—MINA SIMS FAMILY

Oil-well equipment manufacture (three brothers)

29. GLEN WILBUR¹⁰ MORGAN (Wilbur Amos Morgan⁹, Mary Elizabeth Thrall⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹)

Birth: 25 June 1890⁷⁶³

Death: 27 November 1957 in Victorville, San Bernardino County, California⁷⁶⁴

Burial: Mountain View Cemetery and Mausoleum, Altadena, Los Angeles County⁷⁶⁵

Spouse: **MINA LOIS SIMS** married 1 September 1915 in Evansville, Vanderburgh County, Indiana

Spouse's parents: John H. and Lois (Leach) Sims

Spouse's birth: 10 October 1892⁷⁶⁶

Spouse's death: 7 February 1979⁷⁶⁷

Spouse's burial: Rose Hills Memorial Park, Whittier, Los Angeles County⁷⁶⁸

An unsourced family tree suggests that Mina's maternal grandfather was Daniel Leach, a blacksmithing client of Mina's husband's great-grandfather Worthy Thrall. TK FS family tree research

Glen and Lois each had two years of high school.⁷⁶⁹ They soon left for the Golden West. In 1920 they were renting at the rear of 221 South Raymond Avenue in Alhambra, Los Angeles County, California; he was a machinist in a tractor factory, while she was a machine operator in a box factory.⁷⁷⁰ Ten years later they owned a radio and a \$5000 house at 1819 Lemon Street. Glen was a "factory machinist."⁷⁷¹

In 1935 he was vice-president and manager of Brown Valve and Manufacturing Company.⁷⁷² In 1940 the family was living at 23 N. El Molino, which they owned, valued at \$4500 (above the statewide average of \$3527), and Glen earned \$2750 for 52 weeks' work as manager of an oil well equipment manufacturer.⁷⁷³

⁷⁶³ Glen W. Morgan—Mina Sims marriage applications, license, and return, 1 Sep. 1915, Vanderburgh Co., Ind., p. 219; FHL 1,479, 611, DGS 7,579,770, image 253 of 712.

⁷⁶⁴ "Obituary Notices . . . Morgan," *Pasadena Independent* (Cal.), Fri. 29 Nov. 1957, p. 12, col. 4. The obituary called his wife Ava.

⁷⁶⁵ Glen W. Morgan (1890–1957) grave marker, grave 13, lot 469, Radiant Meadow, Mountain View Cemetery and Mausoleum, Altadena, Cal., image, memorial #171,429,886 for Glen Wilbur Morgan by Rhare (findagrave.com).

⁷⁶⁶ Glen W. Morgan—Mina Sims marriage applications, license, and return, 1 Sep. 1915, Vanderburgh Co., Ind., p. 219; FHL 1,479, 611, DGS 7,579,770, image 253 of 712.

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⁷⁶⁸ Mina S. Morgan memorial #117,551,773, no image or sourcing, reportedly buried at Entrance Gate 1, Grave/Niche 1, Burial Lot 1009, Marigold Lawn Burial Section 3, Rose Hills Memorial Park, Whittier, Los Angeles Co., Cal., by Stuart Strout Woodside Skolfield (ancestry.com).

⁷⁶⁹ Glen Morgan household for wife Mina, 1940 U.S. census, Alhambra, San Gabriel Twp., Los Angeles Co., Cal., ED 19-665, sh. 14B, dw. 364.

⁷⁷⁰ Glen W. Morgan household for wife Mina, 1920 U.S. census, Alhambra, Los Angeles Co., Cal., ED 16, sh. 2B, ED 574, sh. 11B, dw. 267, fam. 280.

⁷⁷¹ Glen W. Morgan household for wife Nina [Mina] S., 1930 U.S. census, Alhambra, Los Angeles Co., Cal., ED 18, sh. 2A, dw. 35, fam. 36.

⁷⁷² Glen W. Morgan entry, *Alhambra (California) City Directory 1935* (Los Angeles: Los Angeles Directory Co., 1935), p. 108, image 107 of 463 (ancestry.com).

⁷⁷³ Glen Morgan household, 1940 U.S. census, Alhambra, San Gabriel Twp., Los Angeles Co., Cal., ED 19-665, sh. 14B, dw. 364. For statewide average, *United States Census Bureau*, Census of Housing, Historical Census of Housing Tables, Median Home Values Unadjusted 1940 (census.gov/hhes/www/housing/census/historic/values.html).

CHAPTER 30. WILLARD MORGAN-WILMA SNIDER FAMILY

30. WILLARD AMOS¹⁰ MORGAN (Wilbur Amos Morgan⁹, Mary Elizabeth Thrall⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John^{4,3}, Timothy², William¹)

Accountant in manufacturing

Birth: 20 November 1898, probably in Bone Gap⁷⁷⁴

Death: 13 September 1948⁷⁷⁵

Burial: Mountain View Cemetery and Mausoleum in Altadena, Los Angeles County, California⁷⁷⁶

Spouse: **WILMA ANN SNIDER** married 23 or 24 October 1929 in Los Angeles, California⁷⁷⁷

Spouse's parents: William H. and Anna (Oertel) Snider

Spouse's birth: 19 September 1906 in Los Angeles

Spouse's death: 14 October 2001 in San Marino, Los Angeles County⁷⁷⁸

Spouse's burial: with her husband⁷⁷⁹

In 1910 Wilma's father William was a motorman on the "L.A.R.R." TK?? and the family owned their home.⁷⁸⁰ Willard had four years of college, Wilma five.⁷⁸¹ In 1930 they were renting a \$47-a-month apartment, number 103 at 325 West Magnolia in Compton, Los Angeles County. He was an accountant in manufacturing, she taught in the public school, and they owned a radio.⁷⁸² In the fall of 1937 he visited his parents in Bone Gap for two weeks; apparently Wilma was not along.⁷⁸³

In 1936 he was treasurer of the Brown Valve and Manufacturing Company in Alhambra.⁷⁸⁴ The Depression decade appears to have been relatively good for them: in 1940 they owned a \$10,000 home at 1055 Winston Avenue in San Marino, well above the statewide average of \$3527. (Hale and Willard lived about 2 ½ miles apart.) He earned \$4000 for a full year's work in 1939.⁷⁸⁵ In 1944 he and

⁷⁷⁴ William [Wilbur] Morgan household for Willard [Willard] age 1, 1900 U.S. census, Bone Gap, Edwards Co., Ill., ED 16, sh. 9A, dw. 168, fam. 171.

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⁷⁷⁶ Willard A. Morgan (1898–1948) grave marker, image, Mausoleum, Mountain View Cemetery and Mausoleum, Altadena, Los Angeles Co., Cal., memorial #188,610,903 for Willard Amos Morgan by Carolyn (Schmidt) Alves (findagrave.com).

⁷⁷⁷ For 24 Oct.: Willard A. Morgan–Wilma A. Snyder marriage index entry, 24 Oct. 1929, Los Angeles 904:61; "California, County Birth, Marriage, and Death Records, 1849–1980" > Los Angeles > Marriages > 1929 > image 447 of 546. Original not viewed. TK FHC For 23 Oct.: "Announcement of Marriage Is Made by Bone Gap Folks," *Mount Carmel Daily Republican-Register* (Ill.), Thur. 31 Oct. 1929, p. 8, col. 1.

⁷⁷⁸ Wilma Anna Morgan index entry including mother's birth surname, "U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936–2007" (ancestry.com). Last known residence from SSDI. For additional parental information, Wm. H. Snider household for wife Anna (age 41) and daughter Wilma A. (age 3), 1910 U.S. census, Los Angeles, Los Angeles Co., Cal., ED 146, Pct. 101, sh. 4A–B, dw. 95, fam. 98.

⁷⁷⁹ Wilma A. Morgan (1906–2001) grave marker, Mausoleum, Mountain View Cemetery and Mausoleum, Altadena, Los Angeles Co., Cal., image, memorial #188,610,917 for Wilma A. Snider Morgan by Carolyn (Schmidt) Alves.

⁷⁸⁰ Wilma Anna Morgan index entry including mother's birth surname, "U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936–2007" (ancestry.com). Last known residence from SSDI. For additional parental information, Wm. H. Snider household for wife Anna (age 41) and daughter Wilma A. (age 3), 1910 U.S. census, Los Angeles, Los Angeles Co., Cal., ED 146, Pct. 101, sh. 4A–B, dw. 95, fam. 98.

⁷⁸¹ Willard A. Morgan household for wife Wilma (the informant), 1940 U.S. census, San Marino City, San Gabriel Twp, Los Angeles Co., Cal., ED 19-701, sh. 20A, dw. 384.

⁷⁸² Willard Morgan household, 1930 U.S. census, Compton, Los Angeles Co., Cal., ED 871, sh. 5A, dw. 114, fam. 129.

⁷⁸³ "Bone Gap News," *Mt. Carmel Daily Republican-Register*, Wed. 27 Oct. 1937, p. 3, col. 5. These notices normally state "Mr. and Mrs." if both visited.

⁷⁸⁴ Willard A. Morgan entry, *San Marino City Directory, Season 1936–1937* (S. Pasadena, Cal.: California Directory Publishing Co., 1936), p. 54, image 53 of 101 (ancestry.com).

⁷⁸⁵ Willard A. Morgan household, 1940 U.S. census, San Marino City, San Gabriel Twp, Los Angeles Co., Cal., ED 19-701, sh. 20A, dw. 384. Statewide figures from *United State Census Bureau*, Census of Housing, Historical Census of Housing Tables, Median Home Values Unadjusted 1940 (census.gov/hhes/www/housing/census/historic/values.html).

Wilma registered to vote as Republicans.⁷⁸⁶ The Los Angeles Heart Association acknowledged gifts to its research fund in his and others' memory in 1950.⁷⁸⁷

⁷⁸⁶ Willard A. Morgan and Mrs. Wilma Morgan entries at 1055 Winston Ave., Index to Register of Voters, San Marino City Pct. No. 15, Los Angeles Co., Cal., 1944; "California, Voter Registrations, 1900–1968" > Los Angeles County > 1944 > Roll 60 > image 555 of 979 (ancestry.com).

⁷⁸⁷ Los Angeles Heart Association advertisement, *Los Angeles Times*, Sun. 24 Dec. 1950, p. 10, cols. 1–2.

CHAPTER 31. WILLIAM BRITTON-SARAH CASTILE-HELEN ROSS FAMILY
“Hornbook on the Law of Bills and Notes” and 2 tons of geological specimens

31. WILLIAM EVERETT¹⁰ BRITTON (Maria Lucretia “Cretie” Morgan⁹, Mary Elizabeth Thrall⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹)
Birth: 23 March 1887 in Bible Grove, Clay County⁷⁸⁸
Death: reportedly 6 November 1965 in Los Angeles County, California⁷⁸⁹
Burial: Bone Gap, Edwards County⁷⁹⁰
Spouse #1: **SARAH MYRTLE CASTILE** married 28 July 1916⁷⁹¹ TK NAME!
Spouse #1’s parents: William and Mary E. (Watts) Casteel⁷⁹²
Spouse #1’s birth: 6 March 1885 in Illinois⁷⁹³
Spouse #1’s death: 19 June 1966 in Orange County, California⁷⁹⁴
Spouse #1’s burial:
Spouse #2: **HELEN GLADYS ROSS** married second reportedly in Cook County, 23 or 30 July 1949⁷⁹⁵
Spouse #2’s parents: John G. and Nellie (McLennan) Ross⁷⁹⁶
Spouse #2’s birth: 25 August 1901 in St. Louis County, Minnesota⁷⁹⁷
Spouse #2’s death: San Francisco 24 July 1957
Spouse #2’s burial: Duluth, St. Louis County, Minnesota⁷⁹⁸

In 1910 Helen’s father John was clerk of the municipal court in Duluth, St. Louis County, Minnesota.⁷⁹⁹ In later years in California, Helen was a member of the Bay Area Librarians and the American Association of Law Libraries.⁸⁰⁰

William had 8 years of post-college education, Sarah four.⁸⁰¹ He came to McKendree College from Mounds and graduated with an A.B. in 1909.⁸⁰² In 1917 he was teaching in the College of Commerce at the University of Illinois and living at 605 Indiana Avenue, Urbana, Champaign County.

⁷⁸⁸ James [Joseph] W. Britten [Britton] household for son William E. age 13, 1900 U.S. census, Glenwood, Schuyler Co., Mo., ED 132, sh. 4B, dw./fam. 76. For exact date and place, William E. Britton WWI draft card, order #2040, serial #43, 5 June 1917, Urbana, Ill.; “U.S., World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918” > Illinois > Champaign County > 1 > Draft Card B > image 375 of 552 (ancestry.com).

⁷⁸⁹ William E. Britton death index entry; “California, Death Index, 1940–1997” (ancestry.com).

⁷⁹⁰ William E. Britton (1887–1965) grave marker, Bone Gap Cemetery, Bone Gap, Ill., image, memorial #141,241314 by Janice (Teel) Crites.

⁷⁹¹ William Everett Britton entry, *Who Was Who in America* (Wilmette, Ill.: Marquis Who’s Who, 1989), vol. 9 (1985–1989):48. William and Sarah’s names as given in Kent Gunnell Britton–Berdina Theresa Meck marriage, 18 July 1945, Hollywood, Cal., Cal. marr. cert. 13086, Los Angeles Co. 2423:40; “California, County Marriages, 1850–1952” > 5698704 > image 2851 of 3191 (familysearch.org).

⁷⁹² William Casteel household for wife Mary E. and daughter Myrtle age 15, 1900 U.S. census, Danville, Vermilion Co., Ill., Ward 6, ED 74, sh. 14B, dw. 306, fam. 340. For mother’s birth surname, Sarah C. Britton entry, “California, Death Index, 1940–1997” (ancestry.com).

⁷⁹³ For birthdate 1887, Sarah M. Britton entry, List of United States Citizens, S.S. *Delungen* arriving New Orleans from Jamaica 25 Sep. 1938; “New Orleans Passenger Lists, 1813–1963” > T905, New Orleans, 1903–1945 > 168 > image 331 of 505 (ancestry.com).

⁷⁹⁴ Sarah C. Britton death index entry, “California, Death Index, 1940–1997” (ancestry.com).

⁷⁹⁵ William E. Britton–Helen G. Ross marriage index entry, 23 July 1949, “Cook County, Illinois, Marriage Index 1930–1960” (ancestry.com). For 30 July, William Everett Britton entry, *Who Was Who in America* (Wilmette, Ill.: Marquis Who’s Who, 1989), vol. 9 (1985–1989):48.

⁷⁹⁶ Helen Gladys Ross birth index entry, cert. 1901-38039, “Minnesota, Birth Index 1900-1934” (ancestry.com). Also, John G. Ross household for wife Nellie and daughter Helen age 8, 1910 U.S. census, Duluth, St. Louis Co., Minn., Ward 1, ED 146, sh. 1B, dw. 16, fam. 17.

⁷⁹⁷ William E. and Helen R. Britton, List of In-Bound Passengers, S.S. *Excambion*, arriving N.Y. City 26 July 1950; “New York, Passenger Lists, 1820–1957” > Roll > T715, 1897–1957 > 7001–8000 > Roll 7684 > image 287 of 1278 (ancestry.com).

⁷⁹⁸ “Helen Britton Funeral Rites Tomorrow,” *San Francisco Chronicle*, Fri. 26 July 1957, p. 18, col. 1.

⁷⁹⁹ Helen Gladys Ross birth index entry, cert. 1901-38039, “Minnesota, Birth Index 1900-1934” (ancestry.com). Also, John G. Ross household for wife Nellie and daughter Helen age 8, 1910 U.S. census, Duluth, St. Louis Co., Minn., Ward 1, ED 146, sh. 1B, dw. 16, fam. 17.

⁸⁰⁰ “Helen Britton Funeral Rites Tomorrow,” *San Francisco Chronicle*, Fri. 26 July 1957, p. 18, col. 1.

⁸⁰¹ Kristian [William] Everett Britton household, 1940 U.S. census, Urbana, Champaign Co., Ill., ED 10-39, sh. 62A, dw. 25.

⁸⁰² Paul and Chester Farthing, eds., *Philo History: Chronicles and Biographies of the Philosophian Literary Society of McKendree College* (Lebanon, Ill.: privately printed, 1911), 177.

He was described as tall and slender, with gray eyes and light-colored hair. He claimed exemption from the draft on account of a “dependent wife.”⁸⁰³ In 1920 they had two children and he was teaching at the university; the family lived in apartment 2, 1101 West Oregon, Urbana.⁸⁰⁴

In the early 1920s he taught at Indiana University, and soon returning to the University of Illinois 1925–1954. He also taught in summer sessions at Northwestern, the University of North Carolina, and other places.⁸⁰⁵ From 1922 to 1925 he served on the National Conference Commissioners on Uniform State Laws. He was the author of the *Hornbook on the Law of Bills and Notes*, published in 1943.⁸⁰⁶ From 1945 to 1949, he was also the university’s Legal Counsel, dealing with projects including the gift of the Robert Allerton estate and the lease of Navy Pier in Chicago for new campus development. He also chaired the University’s Committee on Accountancy from 1924 to 1954.⁸⁰⁷

In 1930 the family lived at 307 Michigan in Urbana, in a house valued at \$16,000.⁸⁰⁸ In 1940 they lived at 305 Pennsylvania in a house valued at \$20,000, about five times the statewide average that year.⁸⁰⁹ On 26 July 1950 William and Helen, residents of 305 Pennsylvania, arrived at New York City from Marseilles on the S.S. *Excambion*.⁸¹⁰ His leadership was not limited to legal affairs: he was president of the American Association of University Professors 1954–56. On retirement, he taught part-time at the University of California’s Hunter College of Law in San Francisco until 1964.⁸¹¹ When he left Illinois, he donated to the university’s geology department two tons of geological specimens he had picked up as a hobby over many years.⁸¹² TK in Who’s who?

⁸⁰³ William E. Britton WWI draft card, order #2040, serial #43, 5 June 1917, Urbana, Ill.; “U.S., World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918” > Illinois > Champaign County > 1 > Draft Card B > image 375 of 552 (ancestry.com). Includes signature.

⁸⁰⁴ William E. Britton household, 1920 U.S. census, Urbana, Champaign Co., Ill., Ward 4, ED 48, sh. 7A, dw. 138, fam. 192.

⁸⁰⁵ “Make Additions to U. of I. Faculty,” *Decatur Herald* (Ill.), Sun. 15 June 1924, p. 1, col. 6. Also, “Judge Hemphill to Teach Law,” *Alton Evening Telegraph* (Ill.), Wed. 27 May 1936, p. 22, col. 3. Also, “Three Noted Jurists To Teach This Summer,” *Durham Morning Herald* (N.C.), Sun 9 Mar. 1941, part 2, p. 8, col. 1.

⁸⁰⁶ William Everett Britton entry, *Who Was Who in America* (Wilmette, Ill.: Marquis Who’s Who, 1989), vol. 9 (1985–1989):48.

⁸⁰⁷ *Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois*, 21 June 1954, p. 1371, Record Series 1/1/802 (archives.library.illinois.edu/slc/egyptian-illinois-illini).

⁸⁰⁸ William E. Britton household, 1930 U.S. census, Urbana, Champaign Co., Ill., Ward 7, ED 76, sh. 9B, dw. 214, fam. 236.

⁸⁰⁹ Kristian [William] Everett Britton household, 1940 U.S. census, Urbana, Champaign Co., Ill., ED 10-39, sh. 62A, dw. 25. Statewide figures from *United State Census Bureau*, Census of Housing, Historical Census of Housing Tables, Median Home Values Unadjusted 1940 (census.gov/hhes/www/housing/census/historic/values.html).

⁸¹⁰ William E. and Helen R. Britton, List of In-Bound Passengers, S.S. *Excambion*, arriving N.Y. City 26 July 1950; “New York, Passenger Lists, 1820–1957” > Roll > T715, 1897–1957 > 7001–8000 > Roll 7684 > image 287 of 1278 (ancestry.com).

⁸¹¹ William Everett Britton entry, *Who Was Who in America* (Wilmette, Ill.: Marquis Who’s Who, 1989), vol. 9 (1985–1989) 48. TK BETTER SOURCE?

⁸¹² “Donates Specimens,” *Rockford Morning Star* (Ill.), Sun. 22 Aug. 1954, p. B7, col. 1.

CHAPTER 32. FLOYD BRITTON–GLADYS GAUNT–HAZEL RECK FAMILY

Making Gov. Len Small return \$650,000 to the state treasury

32. FLOYD EVANSTON¹⁰ BRITTON (Maria Lucretia “Cretie” Morgan⁹, Mary Elizabeth Thrall⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹)

Birth: 24 December 1890 in Marion, Williamson County

Death: 3 June 1982 in Spread Eagle, Florence County, Wisconsin

Burial: Memorial Park Cemetery and Crematorium, Skokie, Cook County⁸¹³

Spouse #1: **GLADYS GAUNT** married 25 December 1912 in Mound City, Pulaski County⁸¹⁴

Spouse #1's parents: Charles M. and Eleanor (Miller) Gaunt⁸¹⁵

Spouse #1's birth: 16 February 1891

Spouse #1's death: 8 March 1961, WHERE? TK

Spouse #1's burial: with her husband

Spouse #2: **HAZEL C. (RECK) (CROCKER) THORSNESS**⁸¹⁶ married 2nd as her 3rd husband before 6 January 1963⁸¹⁷

Spouse #2's parents: Peter and Grace (Watkins?) Reck

Spouse #2's birth: 17 July 1897 in Chicago⁸¹⁸

Spouse #2's death: Green Bay, Brown County, Wisconsin 7 May 1978⁸¹⁹

Spouse #2's burial:

Floyd was memorialized twice: 5 June at Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, and 7 June in Skokie, Cook County.⁸²⁰ Gladys's father Charles was at various times a merchant, sheriff, and later bank cashier in Pulaski County.)⁸²¹ TK Gladys in 1900 and 1910?

⁸¹³ “Floyd E. Britton,” *Chicago Tribune*, 5 June 1982. For place of birth, Floyd E. Britton WWI draft card, order #814, serial #285, Springfield, Ill., 29 May 1917; “U.S., World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918” > Illinois > Pulaski County > Draft Card B > image 251 of 338 (ancestry.com). Floyd E. Britton grave marker, Grave 3-W, Lot 632, Lakeside Section, Memorial Park Cemetery and Crematorium, Skokie, Cook Co., Ill., image, memorial #115,937,125 for Floyd Evanston Britton by Mick (findagrave.com).

⁸¹⁴ “Our Town,” *Chicago Sunday Tribune*, Sun. 4 Jan. 1953, part 3, p. 12, col. 5, recalling the siblings’ joint wedding 40 years later. Also, Frank E. Britton–Gladys Gaunt marriage lic. 24 Dec. 1912, marr. 25, Pulaski Co. Register of Marriages 2:142; “Illinois, County Marriages, 1810–1940 > 5292971 > image 430 of 618 (familysearch.org). Parental and other information was omitted.

⁸¹⁵ Charles Gaunt household for wife Ellanor [Eleanor] age 33 and daughter Gladys age 9, 1900 U. S. census, Mound City, Pulaski Co., Ill., Ward 1, ED 70, sh. 2B, dw. 31, fam. 34. Similarly, 1910, Mounds, ED 88, sh. 5A, dw. 92, fam. 94. Also, Eleanor Miller–Charles M. Gaunt marriage index entry, Pulaski Co., 13 Oct. 1889; “Illinois, Marriage Index, 1860–1920” (ancestry.com).

⁸¹⁶ “Evanston Couple Mark 50th Year of Marriage,” *Chicago Tribune*, Sun. 6 Jan. 1963, part 8, p. 4, col. 8, where she was identified as “the former Mrs. Charles Crocker.”

⁸¹⁷ “Evanston Couple Mark 50th Year of Marriage,” *Chicago Tribune*, Sun. 6 Jan. 1963, part 8, p. 4, col. 8, where she was identified as “the former Mrs. Charles Crocker.”

⁸¹⁸ Peter Ruk [Reck] household for wife Grace age 26 and daughter Hazel age 2, 1900 U.S. census, Chicago, Cook Co., Ill., Ward 25, ED 777, sh. 12B, dw. 201, fam. 236. For birthdate and place, Hazel Thorsness b. 15 July 1897 Chicago, List of United States Citizens arriving Los Angeles on S.S. *President Garfield* 14 May 1940; “California, Passenger and Crew Lists, 1882–1959” > M1764, Los Angeles, Selected Suburbs, 1907–1948 > 102 > image 261 of 930 (ancestry.com). For Grace’s probable birth surname, John Watkins household for daughter Gracie age 7, 1880 U.S. census, Evanston, Cook Co., Ill., ED 218, p. 294C, dw. 149, fam. 162. Also, Grace Elizabeth Reck death index entry 26 Feb. 1921 naming father as Edward Wathins [Watkins]; “Illinois, Deaths and Stillbirths Index, 1916–1947” citing FHL 1,570,364 (ancestry.com). TK NEWSPAPER

⁸¹⁹ Hazel C. Britton death index entry, cert. 11460 “grba” (probably Green Bay); “Wisconsin, Death Index, 1959–1997” (ancestry.com). Also, “Kin of Local Woman Dies,” *Mattoon (Il.) Journal Gazette*, Mon. 7 June 1982, p. 5, col. 4.

⁸²⁰ “Floyd E. Britton,” *Chicago Tribune*, 5 June 1982. For place of birth, Floyd E. Britton WWI draft card, order #814, serial #285, Springfield, Ill., 29 May 1917; “U.S., World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918” > Illinois > Pulaski County > Draft Card B > image 251 of 338 (ancestry.com). Floyd E. Britton grave marker, Grave 3-W, Lot 632, Lakeside Section, Memorial Park Cemetery and Crematorium, Skokie, Cook Co., Ill., image, memorial #115,937,125 for Floyd Evanston Britton by Mick (findagrave.com).

⁸²¹ Charles Gaunt household for wife Ellanor [Eleanor] age 33 and daughter Gladys age 9, 1900 U. S. census, Mound City, Pulaski Co., Ill., Ward 1, ED 70, sh. 2B, dw. 31, fam. 34. Similarly, 1910, Mounds, ED 88, sh. 5A, dw. 92, fam. 94. Also, Eleanor Miller–Charles M. Gaunt marriage index entry, Pulaski Co., 13 Oct. 1889; “Illinois, Marriage Index, 1860–1920” (ancestry.com).

Hazel married first 17 April 1920 in Rogers Park, Chicago, Charles Henry Crocker, an insurance broker born there 3 October 1883, with whom she had two children.⁸²² She married second as his second wife between 1935 (when they were living in different places) and 1940 (when they were together in Kenilworth) Lionel G. Thorsness, a lawyer born 20 May 1895 in DeForest, Dane County, Wisconsin.⁸²³

Gladys had four years of high school, Floyd four years of college.⁸²⁴ He was one of seven graduates from Medora High School (Macoupin County) 1 May 1908, where he presented an oration, “An Issue of Justice.”⁸²⁵ A University of Illinois Law School graduate, Evanston resident, and Chicago attorney, Floyd served as an Illinois state assistant attorney general in the 1920s, when the family lived in Springfield.⁸²⁶ In 1917 he was living in Mounds when the state attorney general appointed him to “have charge of all the inheritance tax work outside of Cook county.”⁸²⁷ That fall he and others were delegated to help the St. Clair County state’s attorney in prosecuting cases from the 2 July riots in East St. Louis.⁸²⁸ In the mid-1920s he was involved in lawsuits against Gov. Len Small, first as an assistant attorney general and later representing the Citizens Association of Chicago—at the end of which Small had to pay \$650,000 into the state treasury.⁸²⁹

In 1938 Floyd himself was in the spotlight when vice-president Leslie Krumsick of the Fort Dearborn Securities Corporation killed himself. A subsequent raid by the state’s attorney revealed a shortage of funds. As president of the corporation, Floyd pled ignorance: “I was a figurehead president. This company was organized after the old Donoghue, Krumsick & Co. went into bankruptcy. Its function was to give Krumsick a chance to make good on the losses of the other company’s customers. They took stock in the new one. Krumsick told me only a short while ago that Fort Dearborn Securities was in such shape it could be liquidated without loss to anyone. I was not familiar with the firm’s affairs, and was seldom in the office. I believed him.”⁸³⁰

Assistant state’s attorney John Philips agreed, finding that the secretary had altered the books but Floyd was in the clear: he had been named president at the suggestion of creditors of the earlier concern, “knew nothing of stocks and bonds,” and “acted only in a supervisory capacity.”⁸³¹

⁸²² Hazel C. Reck (age 22)—Charles H. Crocker (age 36) marriage, lic. 862,361, 12 Apr. 1920, marr. 17 Apr., Cook Co., Ill.; FHL 1,030,724, DGS 4,272,561, image 581 of 1444. Rev. Nichols of 6925 N. Ashland officiated. For exact date and place and mother, Charles Henry Crocker, WWI draft card, serial #4065, order #1627, 4339 Hazel Ave., Chicago; “U.S., World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918” > Illinois > Chicago City > 55 > Draft Card C > image 606 of 686 (ancestry.com). For occupation, Charles Crocker, 1930 U.S. census, Kenilworth, Cook Co., ED 3, sh. 8B, dw./fam. 81.

⁸²³ Lionel Thorsness (age 44) household for wife Hazel (age 42), 1940 U.S. census, ED 16-313, Kenilworth, New Trier Twp., Cook Co., Ill., sh. 14A, dw. 240 (?). Also, Leonel [Lionel] G. Thorsness, WWI draft card, #67, 53rd Ward, Chicago, 1 June 1917; “U.S., World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918” > Illinois > Chicago City > 79 > Draft Card T > image 173 of 387 (ancestry.com). Lionel married first about 1925 Alice M. Wagner: Lionel G. Thorsness (age 34) household for wife Alice (age 29), 1930 U.S. census, Chicago, Cook Co., Ill., Ward 44, ED 1619, sh. 6A, no fam. no., dw. 243. He married third 4 Aug. 1950 Dolores M. Molitor: Lionel G. Thorsness–Dolores M. Molitor marriage index entry, file 2144125, Cook Co. Clerk; “Cook County, Illinois, Marriage Index, 1930–1960” (ancestry.com).

⁸²⁴ Floyd E. Britten [Britton] household, 1940 U.S. census, Evanston, Cook Co., Ill., ED 16-206, sh. 13A, dw. 381.

⁸²⁵ “Medora Commencement May 1st,” *Daily Illinois State Register* (Springfield), Mon. 20 Apr. 1908, p. 1, col. 5. His father, Rev. J. W. Britton, was to give the benediction.

⁸²⁶ “Floyd E. Britton,” *Chicago Tribune*, 5 June 1982.

⁸²⁷ “J. W. Gullett to Assist Brundage,” *Illinois State Register* (Springfield), Tue. 27 Mar. 1917, p. 8, col. 4.

⁸²⁸ “Will Prosecute Riot Cases,” *Daily Illinois State Register* (Springfield), Sat. 15 Sep. 1917, p. 6, col. 1. It seems unlikely that justice was done: Elliott M. Rudwick, *Race Riot at East St. Louis July 2, 1917* (Carbondale: Southern Illinois University Press, 1964).

⁸²⁹ “Chicagoans Seek Small Trial Entry,” *Rockford Register-Gazette* (Ill.), Mon. 1 June 1925, p. 2, col. 1. Also, Robert P. Howard, *Illinois: A History of the Prairie State* (Grand Rapids, Mich.: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1972), 465.

⁸³⁰ “Broker Cheats Blue Sky Raid by Gas Suicide,” *Chicago Tribune*, Wed. 24 Aug. 1938, p. 1, col. 4.

⁸³¹ “Broker \$25,000 Short, Ends Life in His Auto,” *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, Wed. 24 Aug. 1938, p. 2A, col. 8.

In 1951 Floyd chaired the state bar association's section on commercial and bankruptcy law.⁸³² He was associated with the firm of Hubachek & Kelley until his retirement in 1964.⁸³³ In 1930 the family rented for \$150 a month in Chicago; in 1940 for \$120 a month in suburban Evanston.⁸³⁴ In 1952 they were living at 331 Kedzie there.⁸³⁵

⁸³² "District Bar Meeting Set," *De Kalb Daily Chronicle* (Ill.), Wed. 24 Oct. 1951, p. 1, col. 3.

⁸³³ "Floyd E. Britton," *Chicago Tribune*, 5 June 1982.

⁸³⁴ Freidrich [Floyd] Britton household, 1930 U.S. census, Chicago, Cook Co., Ill., Ward 41, ED 2871, sh. 4B, dw. 5, fam. 99. Similarly, Floyd E. Britten [Britton], 1940, Evanston, ED 16-206, sh. 13A, dw. 381.

⁸³⁵ "Our Town," *Chicago Sunday Tribune*, Sun. 4 Jan. 1953, part 3, p. 12, col. 5, recalling the siblings' joint wedding 40 years later.

CHAPTER 33. LUCILE BRITTON–TIMOTHY MCKNIGHT FAMILY
Making Gov. Len Small pay \$650,000 back to the state treasury

33. LUCILE EVANGELINE¹⁰ BRITTON (Maria Lucretia “Cretie” Morgan⁹, Mary Elizabeth Thrall⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹)
Birth: 2 September 1892 in Anna, Union County⁸³⁶
Death: 15 March 1975 at the Homestead Hotel in Evanston, Cook County⁸³⁷
Burial: TK
Spouse: **TIMOTHY IRLE MCKNIGHT** married 25 December 1912 in Mound City, Pulaski County⁸³⁸
Spouse’s parents: William E. and Lucy Emily (Wilkin) McKnight
Spouse’s birth: 10 June 1891 in Oblong, Crawford County⁸³⁹
Spouse’s death: 19 January 1973 at 1625 Hinman Avenue in Evanston⁸⁴⁰
Spouse’s burial: TK

Timothy graduated from McKendree College in 1912 (later serving as a trustee) and from the University of Illinois law school in 1915. Practicing law in Carrollton, Greene County, he served as city attorney 1915–1920 and as state’s attorney 1920–24 (elected twice).⁸⁴¹ In 1927 the family moved to Evanston, Cook County, where they rented for \$135 per month; in 1940 they owned a \$25,000 house at 2110 Central Park Avenue there. (Statewide average that year was \$3,527.)⁸⁴²

In 1932 he was part of the defense team in the embezzlement case of Illinois Life Insurance Company director Ernest Stevens, arguing that Stevens’s transfer of funds from the insurance company to family-owned hotels was “an honest but ill-advised business transaction.”⁸⁴³

In 1946 he spoke at the annual conference of Sixth Circuit federal judges on “The Minnesota Plan for Expert Testimony,” intended to provide scrutiny of dubious medical testimony.⁸⁴⁴ In 1953–54 he was president of the Illinois Bar Association. He was associated with the firm of Peterson, Ross, Rall, Barber & Seidel of 135 S. La Salle St. prior to his retirement in 1972.⁸⁴⁵

TK Who’s who entry

⁸³⁶ TK

⁸³⁷ Death Notice, “[Lucille Britton] McKnight,” *Chicago Tribune*, 18 Mar. 1975, no page or column given.

⁸³⁸ “Our Town,” *Chicago Sunday Tribune*, Sun. 4 Jan. 1953, part 3, p. 12, col. 5, recalling the siblings’ joint wedding 40 years later. Also, Lucile E. Britton–Timothy I. McKnight marriage lic. 24 Dec. 1912, marr. 25, Pulaski Co. Register of Marriages 2:142; “Illinois, County Marriages, 1810–1940 > 5292971 > image 430 of 618 (familysearch.org). Parental and other information was left blank.

⁸³⁹ Timothy Irle McKnight #7062, *The Semi-Centennial Alumni Record of the University of Illinois* (Chicago: R. R. Donnelley & Sons, [1918?]), 587.

⁸⁴⁰ Death Notice, “Timothy I. McKnight,” *Chicago Tribune*, Sun. 21 Jan. 1973.

⁸⁴¹ Timothy Irle McKnight entry, *Who Was Who in America* (Wilmette, Ill.: Marquis Who’s Who, 1989), vol. 9 (1985–1989):243.

⁸⁴² “Evanston Couple Mark 50th Year of Marriage,” *Chicago Tribune*, Sun. 6 Jan. 1963, part 8, p. 4, col. 8. Statewide figures from *United State Census Bureau*, Census of Housing, Historical Census of Housing Tables, Median Home Values Unadjusted 1940 (census.gov/hhes/www/housing/census/historic/values.html).

⁸⁴³ “Complete Jury to Try Stevens in Ill. Life Case,” *Chicago Tribune*, Tue. 26 Sep. 1933, p. 5, col. 7, and p. 32.

⁸⁴⁴ “Judges to Discuss Question of Need for Commissioners,” *Cincinnati Enquirer*, Thur. 10 Oct. 1946, p. 7, cols. 7–8.

⁸⁴⁵ Death Notice, “Timothy I. McKnight,” *Chicago Tribune*, Sun. 21 Jan. 1973.

CHAPTER 34. VIVIAN BRITTON–HARRY HANNAH FAMILY

Mattoon Landmarks

34. VIVIAN¹⁰ BRITTON (Maria Lucretia “Cretie” Morgan⁹, Mary Elizabeth Thrall⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹)

Birth: 7 September 1894 in Novelty, Knox County, Missouri⁸⁴⁶

Death: 17 October 1991 in Mattoon, Coles County

Burial: Dodge Grove Cemetery there.⁸⁴⁷

Spouse: **HARRY INGALLS HANNAH** married 29 June 1917 in Ashley, Washington County⁸⁴⁸

Spouse's parents: John F. and Emma Jane (Donaldson) Hannah⁸⁴⁹

Spouse's birth: 12 June 1890 in Fithian, Vermilion County⁸⁵⁰

Spouse's death: 20 May 1973 in Mattoon

Spouse's burial: Dodge Grove Cemetery there⁸⁵¹

In May 1895, “Cretia came near losing her baby a short time ago [Vivian?] but it is better now.”⁸⁵² TK Vivian in 1900 and 1910? Also Harry?

Harry began practicing law in Mattoon in 1915 and remained there. He enlisted for World War I on 6 October 1918 and was released 14 November.⁸⁵³ He served in the state attorney general's office 1915–1933 and was elected circuit court judge in 1957.⁸⁵⁴

Vivian was a musician TK did she attend Mc Kendree? and teacher of Latin and active in the community as a member of the “old Treble Clef Club,” the Literary Club, the Central Community Church, DAR, Library Board, as well as first president of the Mattoon Hospital Auxiliary.⁸⁵⁵

⁸⁴⁶ “Vivian B. Hannah,” *Mattoon, Illinois, Journal Gazette*, Fri. 18 Oct. 1991, p. B4, col. 4.

⁸⁴⁷ “Vivian B. Britton Hannah,” *Herald & Review* (Decatur, Ill.), Fri. 18 Oct. 1991, p. A6. Also, Vivian Britton Hannah grave marker, grave space 30, div. C, sec. 6, Dodge Grove Cemetery, Mattoon, Ill., image, memorial #70,239,913 by Tim Naab (findagrave.com).

⁸⁴⁸ “Judge and Mrs. Hannah Have 50th Anniversary,” *Mattoon Journal Gazette* (Ill.), Wed. 5 July 1967, p. 16, cols. 5–6. Also, death notice, “[Lucille Britton] McKnight,” *Chicago Tribune*, 18 Mar. 1975, naming sister Mrs. Harry I. Hannah.

⁸⁴⁹ Harry Ingalls Hannah entry, *The Political Graveyard* (<http://politicalgraveyard.com/geo/IL/masons.D-J.html>).

⁸⁵⁰ Harry Ingalls Hannah entry, *The Political Graveyard* (<http://politicalgraveyard.com/geo/IL/masons.D-J.html>).

⁸⁵¹ Harry Ingalls Hannah grave marker, grave space 30, div. C, sec. 6, Dodge Grove Cemetery, Mattoon, Ill., image, memorial #70,239,911 by Tim Naab (findagrave.com).

⁸⁵² Edith Flint Thrall in Salem, Ill., to Edith Laura and Victor Worthy Thrall in Lebanon, 23 May 1895; #46 in the Flint-Thrall letters, in author's possession.

⁸⁵³ Harry Hannah index entry, “U.S., Department of Veterans Affairs BIRLS Death File, 1850–2010” (ancestry.com).

⁸⁵⁴ “Judge Harry Hannah Dies,” *Mattoon, Illinois, Journal Gazette*, Mon. 21 May 1973, p. 1, cols. 1–2.

⁸⁵⁵ “Vivian B. Hannah,” *Mattoon, Illinois, Journal Gazette*, Fri. 18 Oct. 1991, p. B4, col. 4.

CHAPTER 35. WALDO VINCENT BRITTON

The music stopped too soon

35. WALDO VINCENT⁴⁰ BRITTON (Maria Lucretia “Cretie” Morgan⁹, Mary Elizabeth Thrall⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹)

Birth: 21 September 1897 in Greencastle, Sullivan County, Missouri.

Death: 13 February 1926 in St. Louis, Missouri;⁸⁵⁶

Burial: Bone Gap, Edwards County, on the 16th

TK census locations 1900, 1910?

In 1917 Waldo registered for the World War I draft in Ashley, Washington County, but gave his occupation as “materials checker” in Nitro, West Virginia. He was described as medium height and build, with blue eyes and sandy hair.⁸⁵⁷ He was a student at the University of Illinois (Champaign County) in 1919 when he visited sister Vivian Hannah in Mattoon.⁸⁵⁸ In 1920 he was living with his family in Ashley and working as a musician in an opera house.⁸⁵⁹ In 1921 he was a sophomore in the Delta Phi fraternity at the university; in 1926 he was a senior there.⁸⁶⁰ His last address was 1701 N. 45th Street in East St. Louis, St. Clair County (not near Champaign-Urbana).

His length of stay in St. Louis was “5 hours” in the afternoon of 13 February 1926, evidently spent at Barnes Hospital where the signing doctor attended him from 3:30 until 7:10 pm, when he died of “hemorrhagic nephritis, cause unknown” and acute dilation of the heart.⁸⁶¹

⁸⁵⁶ Waldo Britton, Mo. death cert. 6306, St. Louis, 13 Feb. 1926; *Missouri Digital Heritage* > Collections > Death Certificates > “Missouri Death Certificates, 1910–1967.” Also, Waldo V. Britton grave marker, Bone Gap Cemetery, Bone Gap, Edwards Co., Ill., image, memorial #141,241,373 by Janice (Teel) Crites (findagravel.com).

⁸⁵⁷ Waldo Vincent Britton, WWI draft card, serial #1340, order #A-1221, 6 Sep. 1918; “United States World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918” > Illinois > Washington County A–Z > image 414 of 3534 (familysearch.org).

⁸⁵⁸ Untitled note, *Journal Gazette* (Mattoon, Ill.), p. 3, col. 7.

⁸⁵⁹ Joseph W. Britton household for Waldo, 1920 U.S. census, Ashley, Washington Co., Ill., ED 214, sh. 4A, dw. 97, fam. 100.

⁸⁶⁰ Waldo Vincent Britton entry, Delta Phi fraternity, *The 1921 Illio*, University of Illinois p. 427, image 438 of 662; similarly, Waldo V. Britton, 1927, p. 410, image 444 of 742 (ancestry.com).

⁸⁶¹ Waldo Britton, Mo. death cert. 6306, St. Louis, 13 Feb. 1926; *Missouri Digital Heritage* > Collections > Death Certificates > “Missouri Death Certificates, 1910–1967.” Also, Waldo V. Britton grave marker, Bone Gap Cemetery, Bone Gap, Edwards Co., Ill., image, memorial #141,241,373 by Janice (Teel) Crites (findagravel.com).

CHAPTER 36. ELSIE BRITTON–VERLA CRAWLEY FAMILY

36. ELSIE MAE “PEG”¹⁰ BRITTON (Maria Lucretia “Cretie” Morgan⁹, Mary Elizabeth Thrall⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹)

Birth: October 1899 in Missouri, probably Greentop or Glenwood, Schuyler County, Missouri, based on parents’ residence

Death: 1997

Burial: with her husband in Mount Hope Cemetery in Belleville, St. Clair County⁸⁶²

Spouse: **VERLA C. CRAWLEY** married 1930⁸⁶³

Spouse’s parents: William A. and Sarah M. (Hood) Crowley⁸⁶⁴

Spouse’s birth: 29 October 1896 in Fillmore, Putnam County, Indiana⁸⁶⁵

Spouse’s death: 3 March 1964

Spouse’s burial: Mount Hope Cemetery in Belleville, St. Clair County⁸⁶⁶

TK 1900, 1910, 1920 for both

Verla, the son of a blacksmith,⁸⁶⁷ served in World War I in the 158th Depot Brigade.⁸⁶⁸ He had four years of college (Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from Purdue in 1921), Elsie three.⁸⁶⁹ In 1930 in East St. Louis, St. Clair County, they were renting for \$65 a month and owned a radio; he was a civil engineer for state highways.⁸⁷⁰ In 1938 he and the assistant district engineer met with local officials in Edwardsville, Madison County, to discuss widening Highway 159 through town, increasing parking, and adding a traffic light.⁸⁷¹

In 1940 the family was renting in Signal Hill for \$60 a month.⁸⁷² In 1943 they were living at 274 Julia Avenue in Belleville, St. Clair County, and “V. C.” was a civil engineer; fifteen years later they were at 35 Glenview and his job was the same.⁸⁷³ In 1963 he worked for the David J. Johnston

⁸⁶² For date of birth, 1900 census TK For place of birth, Verla C. Brawley [Crawley] household for Elsie M., 1940 U.S. census, Signal Hill, Centerville Twp., St. Clair Co., Ill., ED 32-135, sh. 1B–2A, dw. 20. For death date and burial, Elsie B. Crawley grave marker, Mt. Hope Cemetery, Belleville, Ill., image, memorial #144,032,374 by Robin (findagrave.com).

⁸⁶³ Death Notice, “[Lucille Britton] McKnight,” *Chicago Tribune*, Tue. 18 Mar. 1975. For approximate date, Verla Crawley household, 1930 U.S. census, E. St. Louis, St. Clair Co., Ill., ED 55, sh. 23A, dw. 734, fam. 521. Also, Verle Crowley–Elsie Mae Britton marriage index entry, file #338,047, “Illinois, County Marriage Records, 1800-1940” (ancestry.com).

⁸⁶⁴ William A. Crawley household for wife Sarah M. and son Verla (age 3), 1900 U.S. census, Franklin Twp., Hendricks Co., Ind., ED 31, sh. 1B, dw./fam. 27. For mother’s birth surname, William A. Crowley–Sarah M. Hood license 29 Jan. 1887, marriage 30 Jan.; “Indiana, Marriages, 1810–2001” > Putnam > 1881–1887, vol. H7 > image 296 of 325. [could change to FHL TK]

⁸⁶⁵ Verla Crawley, WW2 draft card, serial #U3568; “U.S., World War II Draft Registration Cards, 1942” > Illinois > Crawford–Cress > Clyne–Diekemper > image 1002 of 2027 (ancestry.com). Mrs. Harvey Smith of RR 2, Lafayette, Ind., would always know his address.

⁸⁶⁶ Verla Crawley grave marker, Mt. Hope Cemetery, Belleville, Ill., image, memorial #144,032,340 by Robin (findagrave.com).

⁸⁶⁷ William A. Crawley household for wife Sarah M. and son Verla (age 3), 1900 U.S. census, Franklin Twp., Hendricks Co., Ind., ED 31, sh. 1B, dw./fam. 27. For mother’s birth surname, William A. Crowley–Sarah M. Hood license 29 Jan. 1887, marriage 30 Jan.; “Indiana, Marriages, 1810–2001” > Putnam > 1881–1887, vol. H7 > image 296 of 325. [could change to FHL TK]

⁸⁶⁸ Verla Crawley grave marker, Mt. Hope Cemetery, Belleville, Ill., image, memorial #144,032,340 by Robin (findagrave.com).

⁸⁶⁹ Verla C. Brawley [Crawley] household, 1940 U.S. census, Signal Hill, Centerville Twp., St. Clair Co., Ill., ED 32-135, sh. 1B–2A, dw. 20. Also, “Complete Official List of Members of Graduating Class at Purdue University,” *Lafayette Journal and Courier* (Ind.), Tue. 7 June 1921, p. 11, col. 2.

⁸⁷⁰ Verla Crawley household, 1930 U.S. census, E. St. Louis, St. Clair Co., Ill., ED 55, sh. 23A, dw. 734, fam. 521.

⁸⁷¹ “Street Widening Job Is Discussed at Edwardsville,” *Alton Evening Telegraph* (Ill.), Thur. 22 Dec. 1938, p. 2, col. 6.

⁸⁷² Verla C. Brawley [Crawley] household, 1940 U.S. census, Signal Hill, Centerville Twp., St. Clair Co., Ill., ED 32-135, sh. 1B–2A, dw. 20.

⁸⁷³ V. C. Crawley entry, *Polk’s Belleville (St. Clair County, Ill.)*, *City Directory 1943* (St. Louis, Mo.: R. L. Polk & Co., 1943), p. 73, image 33 of 215. Similarly, 1958, p. 106, image 137 of 635 (ancestry.com).

engineering firm and was interviewed for a consulting job on traffic issues—again in Edwardsville, twenty-five years later.⁸⁷⁴

⁸⁷⁴ “Traffic Engineer Is Interviewed,” *Edwardsville Intelligencer* (Ill.), Thur. 15 Aug. 1963, p. 2, col. 6.

37. ETHEL LUCRETIA¹⁰ BRITTON (Alta Areta Gould⁹, Laura Lucina Thrall⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John^{4,3}, Timothy², William¹)

Birth: January 1894 or 5 November 1893 in Mounds, Pulaski County⁸⁷⁵

Death: 13 August 1984 in Sikeston, Scott/New Madrid County, Missouri TK

Burial: Cairo City Cemetery in Villa Ridge, Pulaski County

Spouse: **MILTON MILES HARTMAN** married 6 October or 23 December 1913⁸⁷⁶

Spouse's parents: Mahlon and Mary (Rumer) Hartman⁸⁷⁷

Spouse's birth: 9 December 1892⁸⁷⁸

Spouse's death: 18 October 1964 TK

Spouse's burial: TK

A Methodist, Ethel studied at McKendree College 1909–1913, at the University of Illinois 1916–1917, and earned a Bachelor of Science in Education at Southern Illinois University in 1947.⁸⁷⁹ Rev. Victor W. Thrall (Chapter 17) officiated at their wedding; he was first cousin of the bride's mother. The wedding took place at what one newspaper called “the palatial country home of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Britton, residing on Beechwood dairy farm, near Mounds.”⁸⁸⁰

Ethel was a supervisor or administrator in various capacities in Pulaski County schools from 1919 to 1959.⁸⁸¹ Said to be originator of the Head Start program in southern Illinois,⁸⁸² she was its director in Pulaski County from 1965 to 1973. A co-organizer of Mounds Public Library in 1935, she continued for more than four decades as a volunteer supervising librarian there. She was a co-organizer of the Pulaski-Alexander County Cooperative Extension Service and of the Pulaski County TB and Visiting Nurses Association, a member of the founding board of the Southern Illinois Electric Co-op,⁸⁸³ and a charter member of the Pulaski-Alexander County Farm Bureau.⁸⁸⁴ TK who's who

Milton graduated in the class of 1914 at McKendree, and was a “dairyman” in 1928.⁸⁸⁵ He “came to Pulaski County in 1913 from Freeburg, St. Clair Co., Ill., to marry Ethel Britton, his college sweetheart. He remained a resident until his death 51 years later. . . . Milton futhered his education at the University of Illinois with an advanced degree in Agriculture. He soon became an active leader in the community and contributed significantly towards the advancement of agriculture in our area. He was an organizer, and member of the first board of Directors of the Pulaski Farm Bureau in 1922

⁸⁷⁵ For Jan. 1894, see 1900 census. TK. For 5 Nov. 1893 in Mounds, see Ethel Lucretia Britton Hartman entry, *Who's Who of American Women 1977–1978* (Chicago: Marquis Who's Who, 1977), 374–75.

⁸⁷⁶ “Deaths: Ethel B. Hartman,” *Pulaski Enterprise* (Ill.), Wed. 22 Aug. 1984, p. 2, cols. 3–6. See also FHL 2,169,731 TK. For full marriage date, Ethel Lucretia Britton Hartman entry, *Who's Who of American Women 1977–1978* (Chicago: Marquis Who's Who, 1977), 374–75.

⁸⁷⁷ TK FHL 2,169,731, DGS 4,030,010 marr. to Mary Rumer, Mascoutah, St. Clair Co., Ill., 6 Oct 1881. FHC TK

⁸⁷⁸ Mahlon Hartman household for son Milton M. age 7, 1900 U.S. census, New Athens Twp., St. Clair Co., Ill., ED 120, sh. 5A, dw. 80, fam. 83.

⁸⁷⁹ Ethel Lucretia Britton Hartman entry, *Who's Who of American Women 1977–1978* (Chicago: Marquis Who's Who, 1977), 374–75.

⁸⁸⁰ “Freeburg Man Is a Benedict,” *Bellefonte News Democrat* (Ill.), Sat. 27 Dec. 1913, p. 4, col. 3.

⁸⁸¹ Ethel Lucretia Britton Hartman entry, *Who's Who of American Women 1977–1978* (Chicago: Marquis Who's Who, 1977), 374–75.

⁸⁸² “Deaths: Ethel B. Hartman,” *Pulaski Enterprise* (Ill.), Wed. 22 Aug. 1984, p. 2, cols. 3–6. Also, Ethel Lucretia Britton Hartman entry, *Who's Who of American Women 1977–1978* (Chicago: Marquis Who's Who, 1977), 374–75.

⁸⁸³ Ethel Lucretia Britton Hartman entry, *Who's Who of American Women 1977–1978* (Chicago: Marquis Who's Who, 1977), 374–75.

⁸⁸⁴ “Deaths: Ethel B. Hartman,” *Pulaski Enterprise* (Ill.), Wed. 22 Aug. 1984, p. 2, cols. 3–6.

⁸⁸⁵ *Centennial McKendree College with St. Clair County History* (Lebanon, Ill.: McKendree College, 1928), 401.

(now Pulaski-Alexander Farm Bureau)...sharing his home with the first Extension Farm Advisor-Farm Bureau Manager until sufficient funds were available from the community to pay for these services. He served as charter board member of Fruit Belt Service Company in 1927; served on boards of the Ullin Mutual Insurance Co., Ullin Livestock Shipping Association, and Villa TK Ridge Shippers Association, as well as leading the first 4-H Club in Pulaski County.

“Milton was an orchardist and horticulturist. His delicious peaches attracted not only area people but large trucks would come up empty from Georgia to fill up and haul Hartman peaches to their southern distributors. His fresh vegetables and other fruits were shipped to Chicago and St. Louis markets. Milton and Ethel enjoyed camping, in fact, they honeymooned by covered wagon touring the hills of Southern Illinois.”⁸⁸⁶

⁸⁸⁶ “Milton Miles Hartman, Sr.,” in Pulaski County History Book Committee, *Pulaski County, Illinois, 1987* (Paducah, Ky.: Turner Publishing Co., 1987), 179.

CHAPTER 38. ERNEST BRITTON—MARTHA HUGHES FAMILY

School superintendent in Effingham and Midland

38. ERNEST R.¹⁰ BRITTON (Alta Areta Gould⁹, Laura Lucina Thrall⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹)

Birth: 23 March 1903 in Illinois WHERE?? TK

Death: November 1983, last residence in Midland, Michigan⁸⁸⁷

Burial: TK

Spouse: **MARTHA E. HUGHES** married about 1925⁸⁸⁸

Spouse's parents: William L. and Maggie L. (Folck) Hughes⁸⁸⁹

Spouse's birth: 30 November 1902 in Illinois

Spouse's death: 3 July 1993 in Midland⁸⁹⁰

Spouse's burial: TK

1910 and 1920 for both TK

Ernest and Martha both had at least four years of college.⁸⁹¹ He graduated from McKendree College in 1921, she in 1924, and he was teaching in Mound City in 1928.⁸⁹² In 1930 they were renting at \$25 per month at 420 Main Street in Mound City, Pulaski County. They owned a radio and both were teaching high school.⁸⁹³ In 1934 he was high-school principal in Athens, Menard County, when he moved on to the job of superintendent of schools in Effingham, Effingham County, where he served for about twelve years.⁸⁹⁴ In 1940 they owned a \$5200 house (the statewide average was \$3277) at 619 Fourth Street in Effingham.⁸⁹⁵

In 1945 they moved to Midland, Midland County, Michigan, where he was superintendent through at least 1960.⁸⁹⁶ In 1955 he was also president of the Michigan Association of School Administrators.⁸⁹⁷ He held a doctorate from Columbia University Teachers College in New York City, and taught at the University of Michigan, Michigan State University, Northern Michigan University, and Central Michigan University.⁸⁹⁸

⁸⁸⁷ Ernest Britton index entry, SSDI.

⁸⁸⁸ Ernest Britton household, 1930 U.S. census, Mound City, Pulaski Co., Ill., ED 6, sh. 18B, dw. 407, fam. 413. Both reported being five years younger when first married. Also, Martha E. Britton index entry, SSDI.

⁸⁸⁹ For mother's birth surname, William L. Hughes—Lulu M. Folck marr. lic. 80 on 3 Apr. 1895, Crawford Co., Ill., Marr. Rec. C(1874–1911):86 on 4 Apr.; FHL 1,310,116, image 216 of 627. Rev. Andrew Dewhirst officiated. Also, William L. Hughes household for daughter Martha E. age 3, 1910 U.S. census, Martin Twp., Crawford Co., Ill., sh. 19A, dw. 254, fam. 257. William was born in Kentucky, as was Martha Britton's father in 1930.

⁸⁹⁰ Martha E. Britton index entry, SSDI.

⁸⁹¹ Earnest [Ernest] Britton household, 1940 U.S. census, Effingham, Effingham Co., Ill., ED 25-8, sh. 14A, dw. 306.

⁸⁹² *Centennial McKendree College with St. Clair County History* (Lebanon, Ill.: McKendree College, 1928), 430.

⁸⁹³ Ernest Britton household, 1930 U.S. census, Mound City, Pulaski Co., Ill., ED 6, sh. 18B, dw. 407, fam. 413.

⁸⁹⁴ "School Head Will Resign," *Decatur Herald* (Ill.), Thur. 13 Dec. 1945, p. 8, col. 2.

⁸⁹⁵ Earnest [Ernest] Britton household, 1940 U.S. census, Effingham, Effingham Co., Ill., ED 25-8, sh. 14A, dw. 306. Statewide figures from *United State Census Bureau*, Census of Housing, Historical Census of Housing Tables, Median Home Values Unadjusted 1940 (census.gov/hhes/www/housing/census/historic/values.html).

⁸⁹⁶ "Whirlpool Executive Heads State Group," *The Herald-Palladium*, Benton Harbor—St. Joseph, Mich., Thur. 4 Dec. 1975, p. 3, cols. 4–5. Dr. Ernest R. Britton, "a Midland school administrator," was treasurer of the Michigan Association of the Professionals.

⁸⁹⁷ "Schoolmen Discuss Taxes and Financing," *Port Huron Times Herald* (Mich.), Wed. 16 Feb. 1955, p. 7, col. 6.

⁸⁹⁸ "Midland's School Chief Will Speak," *The Herald-Palladium*, Benton Harbor—St. Joseph, Mich., Tue. 19 Nov. 1963, sec. 2, p. 4, cols. 4–5.

CHAPTER 39. KATHLEEN PIFER—HUGH MCNELLY FAMILY

“A new life for the rebellious little redhead”

39. KATHLEEN VIRGINIA¹⁰ PIFER (Alta Areta Gould⁹, Laura Lucina Thrall⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹), foster child of Ed and Alta⁸⁹⁹

TK alternate biological & social ancestor lists

Birth: 11 February 1914 in Covington, Alleghany County, Virginia,⁹⁰⁰ to TK biol. parents

Death: 13 October 1980 of diabetes and heart disease, last residence Lake Hopatcong, Morris County, New Jersey⁹⁰¹

Burial: TK

Spouse: **REV. HUGH JOHN MCNELLY** married 20 August 1935 near Mounds, Pulaski County

Spouse's parents: John O. and Nannie Belle (Samson) McNelly⁹⁰²

Spouse's birth: about 1911 in Illinois⁹⁰³

Spouse's death: 27 July 1997 in Milford, Hunterdon County, New Jersey⁹⁰⁴

Spouse's burial: TK

In 1981, more than half a century after the events, Rev. Hugh John McNelly wrote a brief sketch of this family connection (also quoted in Chapter 11):

Kathleen Virginia Pifer was born in Covington [Alleghany County], Virginia, on February 11, 1914. Her family was broken up when she was 2 years old, and her mother had to place her in a series of foster homes. Her ‘deliverance’ came this way—Rev. Virgil Gould, a Methodist Minister in Illinois, had married Kathleen’s aunt [Dora Sophia Leighton]. Kathleen was sent north to them, but Rev. Gould could not afford to keep her, so his sister ‘Aunt Alta’ Britton, took Kathleen into her home at Mounds, Illinois. At the age of 7, a new life began from the rebellious little redhead. She was a part of a loving Christian family! There she found Christ as her personal Savior. Piano lessons were provided for her. After High School the Brittons sent her to the same college their son and daughter had attended—McKendree. She graduated with a major in piano and a minor in pipe organ, plus the State Public School Music Certificate.⁹⁰⁵

⁸⁹⁹ “Golden Wedding Day Observed,” *Daily Republican-Register* (Mt. Carmel, Ill.), Mon. 29 Apr. 1940, p. 5, cols. 4–5.

⁹⁰⁰ Edward G. Britton household for Cathleen Pifer, 1930 U.S. census, Mounds Pct., Pulaski Co., Ill., ED 9, sh. 5B, dw./fam. 134. TK exact birth and death dates from GRC GCAH.

⁹⁰¹ “Kathleen Virginia McNelly,” *Journal and Yearbook of the Northern New Jersey Annual Conference, The United Methodist Church, 124th Session*, Madison, N.J., 31 May–3 June 1981, pp. 333–34.

⁹⁰² “Bone Gap News,” *Mt. Carmel Republican-Register* (Illinois), Wed. 4 Sep. 1935, p. 6, col. 5. Kathleen was described as the niece of Edward and Alta. Kathleen’s adoptive uncle, Rev. Virgil Gould, officiated. For parents, John O. McNalley [McNelly] household for wife Nannie age 37 and son Hugh J. age 9, 1920 U.S. census, Chester, Randolph Co., Ill., Ward 3, ED 112, sh. 7B, dw. 159, fam. 166. Also John McNelly household for wife Belle age 21, married 2 yrs., no children, 1910 U.S. census, E. St. Louis, St. Clair Co., Ill., Ward 6, ED 127, sh. 13B, dw. 283, fam. 290. For Nannie Belle’s birth name, J.O. McNelly–Nannie Belle Samson marriage, lic. 3346, 2 May 1908, marr. Renault, Monroe Co., Ill., 6 May, marriage register 2:19; FHL 1,006,360. John was evidently married three times.

⁹⁰³ Rev. Hugh McNelly household, 1940 U.S. census, Fishkill village, Dutchess Co., N.Y., ED 14-26, sh. 4B, no dw. number. Parents’ birth states were asked of only a small fraction of those enumerated, of which Hugh was one. Unfortunately, this census taker marked every single person on the page as NY-born; in 1920 and 1930 he is shown as Illinois-born of Illinois-born parents.

⁹⁰⁴ “Hugh John McNelly,” *Journal and Yearbook of the Northern New Jersey Annual Conference, The United Methodist Church, 141st Session*, Madison, N.J., 4–6 June 1998, p. 220.

⁹⁰⁵ “Kathleen Virginia McNelly,” *Journal and Yearbook of the Northern New Jersey Annual Conference, The United Methodist Church, 124th Session*, Madison, N.J., 31 May–3 June 1981, pp. 333–34.

Kathleen graduated from McKendree College in June 1935; brother Melvin attended the ceremony.⁹⁰⁶ Hugh and Kathleen both graduated from McKendree and Drew Theological School. In 1939, in Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York, he earned \$1375 as a Methodist minister, Kathleen \$100 as a musician and teacher.⁹⁰⁷ Serving the Methodist Church for 45 years, “she was a member of the National Association of Methodist Musicians and she had been an official music director in the Northern New Jersey Conference of the United Methodist Church,” and played the organ at her husband’s charge in Hurdtown.⁹⁰⁸

“She usually used her music to supplement what was already being done—often organizing and directing children’s choirs, boy’s choirs, youth choirs. When necessary she would serve as organist and/or choir director. Private piano lessons provided extras and sometimes necessities for the parsonage budget. She only bought one thing for herself with the lesson money—her grand piano.”⁹⁰⁹

Kathleen and Hugh served churches in three states over 45 years:

- * Granite City, Madison County, Illinois; TK S. IL Conf. 1935?
- * Port Murray, Warren County, New Jersey;
- * Rockaway Valley, Morris County, New Jersey;
- * Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York (1939–40);
- * Ellenville, Ulster County, New York;
- * Middle Hope (Newburgh), Orange County, New York;
- * Yonkers, Westchester County, New York;
- * Tenaflly, Bergen County, New Jersey (1954);
- * Paterson, Passaic County, New Jersey;
- * Roselle, Union County, New Jersey;
- * Bloomingdale, Passaic County, New Jersey; and
- * Hurdtown, Morris County, New Jersey (1975–80).⁹¹⁰

⁹⁰⁶ “Bone Gap News,” *Mt. Carmel Republican-Register* (Ill.), Thur. 13 June 1935, p. 6, col. 1.

⁹⁰⁷ Rev. Hugh McNelly household, 1940 U.S. census, Fishkill village, Dutchess Co., N.Y., ED 14-26, sh. 4B, no dw. number.

⁹⁰⁸ “Obituaries . . . Kathleen McNelly,” *Daily Record* (Morristown, N.J.), Tue. 14 Oct. 1980, p. 2, col. 4.

⁹⁰⁹ “Kathleen Virginia McNelly,” *Journal and Yearbook of the Northern New Jersey Annual Conference, The United Methodist Church, 124th Session*, Madison, N.J., 31 May–3 June 1981, pp. 333–34.

⁹¹⁰ “Kathleen Virginia McNelly,” *Journal and Yearbook of the Northern New Jersey Annual Conference, The United Methodist Church, 124th Session*, Madison, N.J., 31 May–3 June 1981, pp. 333–34. Her husband Hugh wrote this memoir, giving a more detailed account of their charges than the memoir written after his demise. “Hugh John McNelly,” *Journal and Yearbook of the Northern New Jersey Annual Conference, The United Methodist Church, 141st Session*, Madison, N.J., 4–6 June 1998, p. 220. Fishkill was their location in the 1940 census (see note TK).

CHAPTER 40. EDWIN GOULD—RHODEAN PERDUE FAMILY

Music as “physical control to the nth degree”

40. EDWIN “EDWY” MALCOLM¹⁰ GOULD (Virgil Nathan Gould⁹, Laura Lucina Thrall⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John^{4,3}, Timothy², William¹)

Birth: 11 September 1894 in Bone Gap⁹¹¹

Death: 15 February 1993 in Palm Beach County, Florida⁹¹²

Burial: TK

Spouse: **RHODEAN ALICE PERDUE** married 26 December 1921 in Marissa, St. Clair County⁹¹³

Spouse’s parents: Samuel and Sophronia Jane (Thompson) Perdue⁹¹⁴

Spouse’s birth: in Illinois most likely 21 February 1903⁹¹⁵ WHERE?? TK parent censuses 1900, 1910

Spouse’s death: North Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, 21 February 1992⁹¹⁶

Spouse’s burial: TK

Rhodean and Edwin both had five years of college.⁹¹⁷ They were married for 70 years.⁹¹⁸ R@ McK?? TK

In 1917 Edwin was a farmer and a student working for E. M. Casleton in Elkhaville, JacksonCounty. He served eight months as a musician in Company L of the 4th Illinois National Guard and was described as tall and slender, with blue eyes and light-colored hair.⁹¹⁹ After graduating from McKendree College with a B.S. in 1921,⁹²⁰ he was hired as bandmaster for the Bloomington, Illinois, high school, where he was to “devote his entire time to the teaching of individuals.” (A newspaper account said that this upgrading of the band program was “in the face of a great crying out against jazz”; Edwin’s opinions were not quoted.)⁹²¹ In 1924 they lived at 506 East Jefferson there.⁹²²

In the summer of 1926 he taught at the summer session of Teachers College in Emporia, Lyon

⁹¹¹ Born 1894: Edwin Malcolm Gould WWI draft card, serial #2326, order #106, 5 June 1917, Elkhaville, Ill.; “U.S., World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918” > Illinois > Jackson County > Draft Card G > image 185 of 369. Also, *Centennial McKendree College with St. Clair County History* (Lebanon, Ill.: McKendree College, 1928), 628. Born 1895: Florida Death Index entry and “U.S., World War II Draft Registration Cards, 1942” > Missouri > Gordon–Govero > images 1821–22 of 2065 (ancestry.com). Either way, he is not to be confused with the Edwin Goulds who were son and grandson of Gilded Age financier Jay Gould ([.](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Edwin_Gould_Sr.)

⁹¹² Edwin Malcolm Gould death index entry, Palm Beach Co., Fla., 15 Feb. 1993; “Florida Death Index 1877–1998” (ancestry.com).

⁹¹³ “Society,” *Bellefonte News-Democrat* (Ill.), Mon. 26 Dec. 1921, p. 2, col. 4. Edwin’s father officiated.

⁹¹⁴ Samuel Perdue household, 1910 U.S. census, Marissa, St. Clair Co., Ill., ED 148, sh. 15A, dw. 321, fam. 359. For Sophronia’s birth surname, Everett James Perdue death index entry, 25 Jan. 1941, “Illinois Deaths and Stillbirths, 1916–1947” (ancestry.com). TK FHL? Samuel’s parents were born in France and Ireland, Sophronia’s in Georgia and Illinois.

⁹¹⁵ For 1900: Rhodean Alice Gould, Florida Death Index, 1877–1998 (ancestry.com); and death notice (transcribed), Rhodean A. Gould age 92, *Miami Herald* (Fla.), no page or col. no. given (genealogybank.com). For 1901: Samuel Perdue household for daughter Rhodean age 9, 1910 U.S. census, Marissa, St. Clair Co., Ill., ED 148, sh. 15A, dw. 321, fam. 359. For 1903: Edwin M. Gould household for wife “Dean,” 1930 U.S. census, Logansport, Cass Co., Ind., 5th Ward, ED 20, sh. 6B, dw. 160, fam. 169; and “Saphona” Perdue household for daughter “Rodine,” 1920 U.S. census, Marissa, St. Clair Co., Ill., ED 197, sh. 19B, dw. 474, fam. 476. For 21 Feb. 1903: Dean A. Gould death index entry, SSDI.

⁹¹⁶ Death notice (transcribed), Rhodean A. Gould age 92, *Miami Herald* (Fla.), no page or col. no. given (genealogybank.com). Her Florida Death Index entry has her dying on her 92nd birthday in Broward County. TK ORDER ORIGINAL

⁹¹⁷ Edwin M. Gould household, 1940 U.S. census, St. Louis City, Mo., ED 96-596, sh. 4A, dw. 78.

⁹¹⁸ “Rhodean A. Gould,” *The Palm Beach Post* (Fla.), Sat. 22 Feb. 1992, p. 7B, col. 1.

⁹¹⁹ Edwin Malcolm Gould WWI draft card, serial #2326, order #106, 5 June 1917, Elkhaville, Ill.; “U.S., World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918” > Illinois > Jackson County > Draft Card G > image 185 of 369.

⁹²⁰ *Centennial McKendree College with St. Clair County History* (Lebanon, Ill.: McKendree College, 1928), 424.

⁹²¹ “Notes and Comments of Music World: Schools Reach More Children,” *The Daily Pantagraph* (Bloomington, Ill.), Sat. 16 Sep. 1922, p. 9, col. 2.

⁹²² Edwin M. Gould and wife “Rhodian” entry, *Polk’s Bloomington and Normal City Directory, 1924–25* (Chicago: R.L. Polk & Co., 1924), p. 204, image 102 of 349 (ancestry.com).

County, Kansas.⁹²³ In 1927 they were in Asheville, Buncombe County, North Carolina, where he commented on the demands of instrumental music:

Considered from a physical standpoint, the reading and playing of one note on a wind instrument requires the correct tension, control, and synchronization of somewhere from 50 to a 100 different muscles of the eye, face, tongue, arms, fingers, and breathing apparatus; furthermore, this muscular adjustment must be changed, always under perfect control, at a rate of speed anywhere from four to 12 times per second. Obviously, this is physical control to the nth degree.⁹²⁴

Edwin was a musician as well as a teacher, playing first French horn in the St. Louis Philharmonic Orchestra and later with the Tampa (Florida) symphony.⁹²⁵

In 1930 he was teaching instrumental music in Logansport, Cass County, Indiana, and they were renting at 2214 Broadway for \$40 a month;⁹²⁶ they were still there in 1935. In 1940 he was teaching music in the public schools part-time (19 weeks in 1939), while Rhodan, the census informant, was working 52 weeks as a doctor's receptionist. Each brought in \$720 for the year. They rented at 6320 Arsenal in St. Louis City, Missouri, for \$28 a month.⁹²⁷ In the spring of 1948 he was conducting the 65-member Normandy High School band there.⁹²⁸ In 1957 he was music supervisor in the public schools at Nokomis, Montgomery County.⁹²⁹ In 1960 they moved to Bradenton, Manatee County, Florida,⁹³⁰ and in 1967 to North Palm Beach.⁹³¹

⁹²³ "Strengthen Faculty for Summer School," *Emporia Daily Gazette* (Kan.), Tues. 8 Jun 1926, p. 6, col. 3.

⁹²⁴ "One Teacher Resolves to Put Emphasis on Quality," *News and Observer* (Raleigh, N.C.), Fri. 26 Aug. 1927, p. 15, cols. 6–7. The original article appeared in the September 1927 issue of *North Carolina Teacher*.

⁹²⁵ "Edwin Malcolm Gould," *The Palm Beach Post* (Fla.), Wed. 17 Feb. 1993, p. 14, col. 4.

⁹²⁶ Edwin M. Gould household, 1930 U.S. census, Logansport, Cass Co., Ind., 5th Ward, ED 20, sh. 6B, dw. 160, fam. 169.

⁹²⁷ Edwin M. Gould household, 1940 U.S. census, St. Louis City, Mo., ED 96-596, sh. 4A, dw. 78. Rhodan's given age of 28 seems to be a mistake.

⁹²⁸ "Lincoln Tomb Notes," *Illinois State Journal* (Springfield), Thur. 20 May 1948, p. 22, col. 2.

⁹²⁹ "Dora S. Gould, Mother of CV Doctor, Dies," *Chula Vista Star-News* (Cal.), Thur. 5 Dec. 1957, p. 8A, col. 3.

⁹³⁰ "Rhodan A. Gould," *The Palm Beach Post* (Fla.), Sat. 22 Feb. 1992, p. 7B, col. 1.

⁹³¹ "Edwin Malcolm Gould," *The Palm Beach Post* (Fla.), Wed. 17 Feb. 1993, p. 14, col. 4.

CHAPTER 41. VICTOR GOULD—ELLA LIPPERT—GERALDINE HACKE FAMILY
St. Louis to Chula Vista

41. VICTOR LEIGHTON¹⁰ GOULD (Virgil Nathan Gould⁹, Laura Lucina Thrall⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹)

Birth: 23 November 1898⁹³² in Bone Gap

Death: 11 July 1983 in Los Banos, Merced County, California

Burial: TK

Spouse #1: **ELLA LIPPERT** married about 1920, divorced 1930s TK census 1900, 1910, 1920 TK

Spouse #1's parents: William F. and Leona (Walter) Lippert⁹³³

Spouse #1's birth: about September 1895 or 1896 in Missouri⁹³⁴

Spouse #1's death: 8 April 1988 likely in St. Louis⁹³⁵

Spouse #1's burial: Mount Hope Cemetery, Belleville, St. Clair County⁹³⁶

Spouse #2: **GERALDINE ERNESTINE HACKE** married 12 September 1933 De Soto, Jefferson County, Missouri⁹³⁷ TK census 1920, 1930

Spouse #2's parents: Max G. and Laura Henrietta (Smith) Hacke of De Soto⁹³⁸

Spouse #2's birth: 31 December 1912 in Missouri

Spouse #2's death: 2 January 2000 in Los Banos, Merced County, California,⁹³⁹

Spouse #2's burial: TK

Ella had four years of college,⁹⁴⁰ being a McKendree College graduate (B.S.) in 1919 from Belleville.⁹⁴¹ Victor “attended McKendree two years, graduated from Illinois University in 1922, and from Washington University Medical School in 1926—now [1928] an interne in the new Maternity Hospital of Washington University” there.⁹⁴²

Victor 1910, 1920 TK

In 1930 Victor was a physician; he and Ella had eight-year-old and five-year-old daughters, and they were renting for \$50 a month at 2759 Sulphur, St. Louis City.⁹⁴³ In 1940 the daughters were

⁹³² For Nov. 1898, Virgil N. Gould household, 1900 U.S. census, Bone Gap, Edwards Co., Ill., ED 16, sh. 4B, dw./fam. 73. Also, *Centennial McKendree College with St. Clair County History* (Lebanon, Ill.: McKendree College, 1928), 617.

⁹³³ For Leona's birth surname, Leona Lippert death index entry 2 July 1931 in Belleville naming Steve Walter as her father; “Illinois, Deaths and Stillbirths Index, 1916-1947” citing FHL 1,653,850. TK

⁹³⁴ William E. Lippert household for daughter Ella age 4, 1900 U.S. census, Belleville, St. Clair Co., Ill., Ward 4, ED 84, sh. 12B, dw. 232, fam. 257. Also, Victor Gould household for wife Ella age 33, 1930 U.S. census, St. Louis City, Mo., Ward 24, ED 148, sh. 40A, dw. 724, fam. 836.

⁹³⁵ Ella L. Gould index entry, SSDI. This index gives her birth as 27 Sep. 1896.

⁹³⁶ Ella L. Gould grave marker, Mt. Hope Cemetery, Belleville, Ill., image, memorial #140,443,593 by Chief Easton (findagrave.com).

⁹³⁷ Dr. Victor L. Gould—Geraldine Ernestine Hacke marriage license #249, 10 Sep. 1933, marriage 12 Sep., De Soto, Jefferson Co., Mo., p. 555; “Missouri, Marriage Records, 1805–2002” > Jefferson > Record images for Jefferson > 1930–1936 > image 282 of 621 (ancestry.com).

⁹³⁸ Max G. Hacke household for daughter Geraldine age 7, 1920 U.S. census, De Soto, Jefferson Co., Mo., Ward 1, ED 45, sh. 14B, dw. 335, fam.

340. Also, Laura Hacke 1888–1964 grave marker, City Cemetery, De Soto, Mo., image, memorial 20,492,979 for Laura Smith Hacke by TLH (findagrave.com). For birth surname and parents, Laura Henrietta Hacke death 25 June 1964, Mo. cert. 23610; Missouri Secretary of State, *Missouri Digital Heritage* (sos.mo.gov/mdh) > Collections > Quick Links > Death Certificates > “Missouri Death Certificates, 1910–1967.”

⁹³⁹ Victor L. Gould household for wife Geraldine E. age 27, born Mo., 1940 U.S. census, St. Louis City, Mo., Ward 24, ED 96-777, sh. 13A, dw. 394. Also, Geraldine E. Gould index entry, SSDI.

⁹⁴⁰ Ella L. Gould household, 1940 U.S. census, St. Louis City, Mo., ED 96-634A, sh. 3B, dw. 92.

⁹⁴¹ *Centennial McKendree College with St. Clair County History* (Lebanon, Ill.: McKendree College, 1928), 406.

⁹⁴² *Centennial McKendree College with St. Clair County History* (Lebanon, Ill.: McKendree College, 1928), 617.

⁹⁴³ Victor Gould household for daughters Virginia age 8 and Margarie age 3, 1930 U.S. census, St. Louis City, Mo., Ward 24, ED 148, sh. 40A, dw. 724, fam. 836.

aged 18 and 13 and lived in the divorced Ella's St. Louis household; Ella was a YWCA dietitian who earned \$700 for 52 weeks of work in 1939. She paid \$65 a month rent but had space for five female lodgers.⁹⁴⁴

In 1940 Victor and Ernestine were living in a \$14,000 house at 6352 Devonshire in St. Louis (six times the statewide average of \$2392).⁹⁴⁵ Probably early in 1946 Victor sold the house⁹⁴⁶ and they went west. In April 1947 their son was attending "school camp" in Chula Vista, San Diego County, California, and Victor was taking the examination to be licensed as a physician in California.⁹⁴⁷ In 1957 he delivered his own grandson during a power failure at the Chula Vista hospital.⁹⁴⁸ In 1969 he was practicing medicine at 721 Third Avenue and residing at 344 Hilltop Drive in Chula Vista.⁹⁴⁹

⁹⁴⁴ Ella L. Gould household for daughters Loraine age 18 and Marjorie age 13, 1940 U.S. census, St. Louis City, Mo., ED 96-634A, sh. 3B, dw. 92.

⁹⁴⁵ Victor L. Gould household, 1940 U.S. census, St. Louis City, Mo., Ward 24, ED 96-777, sh. 13A, dw. 394. Statewide figures from *United States Census Bureau*, Census of Housing, Historical Census of Housing Tables, Median Home Values Unadjusted 1940 (census.gov/hhes/www/housing/census/historic/values.html).

⁹⁴⁶ Real estate advertisement and photograph, *St. Louis Star-Times*, Fri. 7 June 1946, p. 26, col. 5, showing "Six-room residence in St. Louis Hills at 6352 Devonshire av., bought by Oliver F. Johnson from Dr. Victor L. Gould through the Cyrus Crane Willmore Organization, Inc."

⁹⁴⁷ "Sixth Grade Students Attend School Camp," *Chula Vista Star*, Fri. 11 Apr. 1947, p. 4A, col. 4. Similarly, "Dr. Victor Gould Takes State Exam for Medical License," Fri. 25 July 1947, p. 1, col. 2.

⁹⁴⁸ "Dr. Victor L. Gould Delivers Own Grandson—And In Total Darkness," *Chula Vista Star-News* (Cal.), Thur. 31 Jan. 1957, p. 1, cols. 4–5.

⁹⁴⁹ Victor L. Gould and Geraldine entries, *Polk's San Diego Suburban (San Diego, California) Directory 1969* (Monterey Park, Cal.: R. L. Polk & Co., [1969]), p. 320, image 456 of 1680 (ancestry.com).

42. PAUL GLENWOOD¹⁰ GOULD (Virgil Nathan Gould⁹, Laura Lucina Thrall⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John^{4,3}, Timothy², William¹)

Birth: 21 February 1901, possibly in Bone Gap where his parents were in 1900⁹⁵⁰

Death: 2 December 1998 in Lake Worth, Palm Beach County, Florida

Burial: Lake Worth Memory Gardens Cemetery⁹⁵¹

Spouse #1: ADA L. SHAFFER married in the early 1930s

Spouse #1's parents: William E. and Viola (Bumpus) Shaffer⁹⁵²

Spouse #1's birth: 26 April 1905 in Illinois

Spouse #1's death: 4 December 1985 in Palm Beach County, Florida⁹⁵³

Spouse #1's burial: Lake Worth Memory Gardens there⁹⁵⁴

Spouse #2: ROSA LEE (BURDETTE) (?) GERMANINI married between 20 April 1986 and 30 March 1987⁹⁵⁵

Spouse #2's parents: Wiley H. and Carrie (Miller) Burdette

Spouse #2's birth: 26 May 1909 in Atlanta, Fulton County, Georgia⁹⁵⁶

Spouse #2's death: 19 July 1993 in Palm Beach County, Florida

Spouse #2's burial: Lake Worth Memory Gardens⁹⁵⁷

Paul was a graduate of McKendree College (1928) and Northwestern University.⁹⁵⁸ His career path took him from southern Illinois into mid-Illinois,⁹⁵⁹ where he served as:

* seventh-grade teacher in Freeburg, St. Clair County, during the 1926–27 school year;⁹⁶⁰

⁹⁵⁰ *Born* 1901: Virgil N. Gould household for son Paul age 9, 1910 U.S. census, Sumner, Lawrence Co., Ill., ED 123, sh. 8B, dw. 193, fam. 212. *Born* 21 Feb. 1900: *Centennial McKendree College with St. Clair County History* (Lebanon, Ill.: McKendree College, 1928), 617. The year is likely a mistake for 1901, as Paul was absent from the family household in the 1900 census, when the date of record was 1 June and the household was enumerated 7 June. *Other evidence* leans toward 1901. Said to be age 97 at death 2 December 1998: “Paul G. Gould,” *The Palm Beach Post* (W. Palm Beach, Fla.), Sun. 6 Dec. 1998, p. 8C, col. 2. Also, Florida Death Index entry has birth 21 Feb. 1901. Virgil N. Gould household for son Paul, age 18, 1920 U.S. census, Trenton, Sugar Creek Twp., Clinton Co., Ill., Ward 1, ED 21, sh. 3A, dw./fam. 75. Also, Paul G. Gould, lodger, age 28, 1930 U.S. census, Centralia, Marion Co., Ill., ED 61, sh. 24B, no dw. no., fam. 573. Also, Paul Gould age 39, 1940 U.S. census, Shelbyville, Shelby Co., Ill., Ward 2, ED 87-28, sh. 3B, dw. 65.

⁹⁵¹ “Paul G. Gould,” *The Palm Beach Post* (W. Palm Beach, Fla.), Sun. 6 Dec. 1998, p. 8C, col. 2.

⁹⁵² William E. Shafer [Shaffer] for daughter Ada L. born Ill., 1910 U.S. census, Elk Prairie Twp., Jefferson Co., Ill., ED 96, sh. 6A, dw. 116, fam. 117.

⁹⁵³ “Ada S. Gould,” *The Pantagraph* (Bloomington, Ill.), Sat. 14 Dec. 1985, p. C6, col. 4. Ada Gould index entry, SSDI. For state of birth, 1910 U.S. census above.

⁹⁵⁴ Ada S. Gould grave marker, Lake Worth Memory Gardens, Palm Beach Co., Fla., image, memorial #59,169,810 for Ada Shaffer Gould by DebStarrett (findagrave.com).

⁹⁵⁵ Presumably after she was named “Rosa Germanini” 20 Apr. 1986 (Sallie James, “Lighthouse Helps Blind Handle Life,” *The Palm Beach Post* [W. Palm Beach, Fla.], Sun. 20 Apr. 1986, p. C11, col. 3) and before Social Security changed Rosa Lee’s surname to Gould 30 Mar. 1987 (Rosalee Gould index entry, “U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936–2007” [ancestry.com]).

⁹⁵⁶ Rosalee Gould index entry, “U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936–2007” (ancestry.com). Also, Hillis [Willis] Burdett household for wife Carrie and daughter Rosa L. age 11 months, 1910 U.S. census, Black Hall Dist., Fulton Co., Ga., ED 122, sh. 5B, dw. 119, fam. 122.

⁹⁵⁷ “Rosa Lee Gould,” *The Palm Beach Post* (W. Palm Beach, Fla.), Thur. 22 July 1993, p. 4B, col. 2.

⁹⁵⁸ *Centennial McKendree College with St. Clair County History* (Lebanon, Ill.: McKendree College, 1928), 33 and 431 (for his middle name).

⁹⁵⁹ “Mid-Illinois” is the coinage of James Krohe, Jr., in *Corn Kings & One-Horse Thieves: A Plain-Spoken History of Mid-Illinois* (Carbondale: Southern Illinois University Press, 2017), 1–2. It refers to that part of Illinois between interstates 70 and 80, “where Southerners’ tolerance for treelessness, flatness, and cold overlapped most Northerners’ tolerance for Southerners.”

⁹⁶⁰ “Freeburg,” *Bellefonte News Dispatch*, Fri. 23 Apr. 1926, p. 7, col. 6, and Fri. 6 May 1927, p. 12, col. 3.

* principal of Irving School in Centralia, Marion County, 1928–30⁹⁶¹ (Ada, his future wife, was also there);⁹⁶²

* principal of the elementary school in Freeburg, 1931–36;

* principal of the Main Street grade school in Shelbyville, Shelby County, starting in 1936;⁹⁶³ they owned a \$2000 house at 2514 North Long Street there in 1940;⁹⁶⁴

* principal in Mossville, Peoria County, in 1951;⁹⁶⁵

* teacher in Bloomington-Normal, McLean County, from 1952 on; in 1952 he was to teach 5th and 6th grades in outlying Towanda.⁹⁶⁶

They settled in and bought a house at 210 N. University in Normal from Alice E. Ward.⁹⁶⁷ Ada earned a bachelor's degree from Southern Illinois University in 1956;⁹⁶⁸ the following year they were both teaching in Bloomington-Normal.⁹⁶⁹ She taught at Central School and later Chiddix Junior High School in Normal.⁹⁷⁰ In 1972 Paul sold property at 502 Orlando in Normal for \$28,500.⁹⁷¹ They moved to Florida soon thereafter, where they were involved at Good Shepherd United Methodist Church in West Palm Beach.⁹⁷²

Paul's second wife Rosa Lee lived most of her life in Florida. A member of the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church, she was recalled as a joint steward of the Biscayne Bay Yacht Club in Miami, Florida, for over 30 years, an active participant in the Lighthouse for the Blind (where she learned to get around with only peripheral vision), and "a very avid shopper."⁹⁷³

⁹⁶¹ "Freeburg," Fri. 8 Feb. 1929, *Belleville News-Democrat* (Ill.), p. 16, col. 3. Also, Paul G. Gould, lodger, age 18, 1930 U.S. census, Centralia, Marion Co., Ill., ED 61, sh. 24B, no dw. no., fam. 573. The written census page is catastrophically disorganized.

⁹⁶² George B. Gorham household for roomer Ada Shaffer, 1930 U.S. census, Centralia, Marion Co., Ill., Ward 4, ED 8, sh. 3A, dw./fam. 65.

⁹⁶³ "Shelbyville Board Hires School Head," *The Decatur Review* (Ill.), Sat. 5 Sep. 1936, p. 8, col. 2.

⁹⁶⁴ Paul Gould household, 1940 U.S. census, Shelbyville, Shelby Co., Ill., Ward 2, ED 87-28, sh. 3B, dw. 65. Average house value in Illinois that year was \$3277: *United State Census Bureau*, Census of Housing, Historical Census of Housing Tables, Median Home Values Unadjusted 1940 ([census.gov/hhes/www/housing/census/historic/values.html](https://www.census.gov/hhes/www/housing/census/historic/values.html)).

⁹⁶⁵ "Mossville School Registration Slated," *The Peoria Journal* (Ill.), Thur. 23 Aug. 1951, p. 13A, col. 6.

⁹⁶⁶ "Unit District 5 Employs Ten New Teachers," *The Pantagraph* (Bloomington, Ill.), Fri. 29 Aug. 1952, p. 10, cols. 1–5, including a picture of Paul and an indication (unlikely) that Mossville was his "home town."

⁹⁶⁷ "Spencer Ewing Home Sold to James Owen: Deed Transfers In 14 Sales Total \$225,100," *The Pantagraph* (Bloomington, Ill.), Sun. 31 Aug. 1952, p. 2, cols. 1–2.

⁹⁶⁸ Ada Shaffer Gould entry, press release from Southern Illinois University Information Service 2 Aug. 1956, p. 6 (archive.org/details/southernillinois1956sout).

⁹⁶⁹ Paul and Ada Gould entries, *Polk's Bloomington (McLean County, Ill.) City Directory 1957* (St. Louis: R.L. Polk & Co., 1957), 315, image 171 of 444 (ancestry.com). Also, "Dora S. Gould, Mother of CV Doctor, Dies," *Chula Vista Star-News* (Cal.), Thur. 5 Dec. 1957, p. 8A, col. 3.

⁹⁷⁰ "Ada S. Gould," *The Pantagraph* (Bloomington, Ill.), Sat. 14 Dec. 1985, p. C6, cols. 4–5.

⁹⁷¹ "McLean County Real Estate Transfers," *The Pantagraph* (Bloomington-Normal, Ill.), Sun. 22 Oct. 1972, p. B10, col. 4.

⁹⁷² "Paul G. Gould," *The Palm Beach Post* (W. Palm Beach, Fla.), Sun. 6 Dec. 1998, p. 8C, col. 2.

⁹⁷³ "Rosa Lee Gould," *The Palm Beach Post* (W. Palm Beach, Fla.), Thur. 22 July 1993, p. 4B, col. 2. Also, Sallie James, "Lighthouse Helps Blind Handle Life," *The Palm Beach Post* (W. Palm Beach, Fla.), Sun. 20 Apr. 1986, p. C11, col. 3.

CHAPTER 43. ARETA GOULD—EMERY MARTIN FAMILY
Teacher-Coach at Ziegler, DuQuoin, and Gillespie

43. ARETA HOPE¹⁰ GOULD (Virgil Nathan Gould⁹, Laura Lucina Thrall⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹)

Birth: 18 October 1907 in Geff (Jeffersonville), Wayne County

Death: 15 December 1998 in Urbana, Champaign County

Burial: the 19th in Woodlawn Cemetery there⁹⁷⁴

Spouse: **EMERY H. MARTIN** married 23 December 1928 in Freeburg, St. Clair County⁹⁷⁵

Spouse's parents: Marion and Melissa (Moore) Martin

Spouse's birth: 8 January 1906 in Sumner, Lawrence County

Spouse's death: 5 July 1987 in Savoy, Champaign County

Spouse's burial: Woodlawn Cemetery, Urbana, there⁹⁷⁶

TK 1910 and 1920 census for both

Areta “studied one year at Illinois Wesleyan, Bloomington, [McLean County], and one year at McKendree.”⁹⁷⁷ In 1927 Areta was hired to teach music and penmanship at Granite City High School in Madison County.⁹⁷⁸ They visited her brother Victor in Chula Vista in June 1951.⁹⁷⁹ In 1954 she taught music at Gillespie, Macoupin County.⁹⁸⁰

Emery graduated from McKendree in 1928 (when he was described as “invincible on the field of college sports”)⁹⁸¹ and received a master’s degree from the University of Illinois in 1940. “He began teaching and coaching at Ziegler in 1928 and continued his career at DuQuoin and Gillespie.”⁹⁸² He rose through the ranks from coach to Gillespie High School principal in 1949 and superintendent of schools in 1956, running unsuccessfully as a Republican for Macoupin County Superintendent of Schools in 1962.⁹⁸³ He retired in 1965.⁹⁸⁴

⁹⁷⁴ “Areta H. Martin,” *State Journal-Register*, 17 Dec. 1998, p. 38, col. 4.

⁹⁷⁵ “Freeburg,” *Belleville Daily News-Democrat* (Ill.), Sat. 29 Dec. 1928, p. 14, cols. 3–4. Her father officiated. No parents or guests were named for the groom. Listed guests included attendants Miss Lillian Hell (“an intimate friend of the bride”) and Mr. Paul Gould (“a brother of the bride”), Rev. and Mrs. Virgil Gould, Mr. and Mrs. Britton, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Hartman, Lucille and Kathryn Pfeiffer of Mounds, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gould of Ashville, N.C., Dr. and Mrs. Victor Gould of Belleville, and Mrs. Emily Hell,” along with “a few friends and teachers of Granite City” where Areta had taught.

⁹⁷⁶ “Emery Martin,” *Champaign-Urbana News-Gazette* (Ill.), Mon. 6 July 1987, p. B6, cols. 2–3.

⁹⁷⁷ *Centennial McKendree College with St. Clair County History* (Lebanon, Ill.: McKendree College, 1928), 617.

⁹⁷⁸ “Freeburg,” *Belleville Daily News-Democrat* (Ill.), Fri. 10 June 1927, p. 9, col. 3.

⁹⁷⁹ “Illinoisian Visitors At Victor Gould’s Home,” *Chula Vista Star*, Thur. 21 June 1951, p. 10, col. 3.

⁹⁸⁰ “List Faculty for Unit 7: Gillespie Schools Reopen Aug. 31,” *Illinois State Journal* (Springfield), Thur. 19 Aug. 1954, p. 18, col. 3.

⁹⁸¹ “Emery H. Martin,” senior class, *Centennial McKendree College with St. Clair County History* (Lebanon, Ill.: McKendree College, 1928), 30.

⁹⁸² “Emery Martin,” *Champaign-Urbana News-Gazette* (Ill.), Mon. 6 July 1987, p. B6, cols. 2–3.

⁹⁸³ “Jacksonville and Gillespie Preps Get New Coaches,” *Daily Illinois State Journal* (Springfield), Mon. 15 Aug. 1949, p. 10 col. 2. Also, “Litchfield, Hillsboro Want Federal Aid,” Sat. 25 Feb. 1956, p. 1, cols 4–6, and p. 2, col. 3. Also, “Midstate Election Returns...Macoupin County,” Wed. 7 Nov. 1962, p. 8, col. 1.

⁹⁸⁴ “Emery Martin,” *Champaign-Urbana News-Gazette* (Ill.), Mon. 6 July 1987, p. B6, cols. 2–3.

CHAPTER 44. LUCILLE PIFER—GEORGE KING FAMILY

“To introduce Music in the Pulaski county schools” (3800 children)

44. LUCILLE¹⁰ PIFER

social (Edith Evelyn & Alice Flo Gould⁹, Laura Lucina Thrall⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹)

biological (TK both trees

Birth: about 1912 in Virginia⁹⁸⁵

Death: 12 March 1983 in Sun City, Maricopa County, Arizona

Burial: Sunland Memorial Park there⁹⁸⁶

Spouse: **GEORGE Y. KING** married 18 March 1934 at home of her “aunt and uncle” Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Britton near Mounds⁹⁸⁷

Spouse’s parents: Jefferson F. and Martha V. (Young) King⁹⁸⁸

Spouse’s birth: 29 January 1904 in Illinois

Spouse’s death: 13 November 2003 in Sun City⁹⁸⁹

Spouse’s burial:

George was coach and teacher in Mounds Township High School, in Pulaski County⁹⁹⁰ where Lucille taught and supervised music. TK

In 1920 George was with his parents in McLeansboro, Hamilton County; Lucille was living with Edith and Alice in Bone Gap.⁹⁹¹ In 1928 Lucille and adoptive aunt Mrs. Virgil Gould (that is, Dora Sophia [Leighton] Gould) “returned here [Bone Gap] on Saturday from a visit with relatives in Asheville, N.C., and Covington, Va.”⁹⁹²

Lucille graduated from Bone Gap Community High School in 1929,⁹⁹³ and entered the Louisville Conservatory of Music that fall,⁹⁹⁴ where she took the “public school music course” and majored in violin.⁹⁹⁵ In June 1930 she returned from conservatory to offer violin and piano lessons.⁹⁹⁶

⁹⁸⁵ Edith E. Gould household for sister “Alice F.” and “adopted child” Lucille Pifer, 1920 U.S. census, Bone Gap, Edwards Co., Ill., ED 20, sh. 1A, dw./fam. 11.

⁹⁸⁶ Beulah Ridens, “Bone Gap News...Personals,” *Daily Republican-Register* (Mt. Carmel, Ill.), Wed. 13 Apr. 1983, p. 14, col. 7.

⁹⁸⁷ “Pifer–King,” *Daily Republican-Register* (Mt. Carmel, Ill.), Thur. 29 Mar. 1934, p. 3, cols. 5–6. Sister Kathleen played the wedding march. Uncle Virgil N. Gould of Zeigler officiated. Also, Beulah Ridens, “Bone Gap News...Personals,” *Daily Republican-Register* (Mt. Carmel, Ill.), Wed. 13 Apr. 1983, p. 14, col. 7.

⁹⁸⁸ J. F. King–Martha V. Young marr. lic. 29 Jan. 1889, marr. 31 Jan., Williamson Co., Ill.; “Illinois, County Marriages, 1810–1940,” FHL 965,417, DGS 5,204,407, image 44 of 587 (familysearch.org). Also, Jefferson King household for son George, 1920 U.S. census, McLeansboro, Hamilton Co., Ill., ED 54, sh. 7A, dw. 142, fam. 143.

⁹⁸⁹ George King household, 1940 U.S. census, E. Peoria, Tazewell Co., Ill., ED 90-12, sh. 7A, dw. 143. For exact birth and death dates, George Y. King index entry, SSDI.

⁹⁹⁰ “Bone Gap News,” *Mt. Carmel Daily Republican-Register* (Ill.), Sat. 6 Jan. 1934, p. 2, col. 2, when he was a guest at Edith’s.

⁹⁹¹ TK add George’s citn. Edith E. Gould household for sister “Alice F.” and “adopted child” Lucille Pifer, 1920 U.S. census, Bone Gap, Edwards Co., Ill., ED 20, sh. 1A, dw./fam. 11.

⁹⁹² “Interesting News Items from Bone Gap,” *Daily Republican-Register* (Mt. Carmel, Ill.), Thur. 26 July 1928, p. 5, col. 3.

⁹⁹³ Beulah Ridens, “Bone Gap News...Personals,” *Daily Republican-Register* (Mt. Carmel, Ill.), Wed. 13 Apr. 1983, p. 14, col. 7.

⁹⁹⁴ “Country Club Holds Meeting at Bone Gap,” *Daily Republican-Register* (Mt. Carmel, Ill.), Wed. 11 Sep. 1929, p. 6, col. 2.

⁹⁹⁵ “Bone Gap News,” *Daily Republican-Register* (Mt. Carmel, Ill.), Mon. 30 Dec. 1929, p. 4, col. 5.

⁹⁹⁶ “Instruction,” classified advertisement by Edith Gould, *Daily Republican-Register* (Mt. Carmel, Ill.), Mon. 9 June 1930, p. 7, col. 1.

In the summer of 1931 she was taking a course in Carbondale, Jackson County.⁹⁹⁷ From 1931 to 1933 she was the director and music teacher at Keensburg, Wabash County.⁹⁹⁸

Lucille performed and taught music locally.⁹⁹⁹ In the fall of 1933 she undertook a three months' contract "to introduce music in the Pulaski county schools where she has entire supervision of 3800 children in the fifty-six high and graded schools in that county."¹⁰⁰⁰

George had five years of college; she had three. In 1940 she and George owned a \$3800 house at 111 Pierson Avenue in East Peoria; he was a high-school teacher.¹⁰⁰¹ In 1960 they were still in East Peoria.¹⁰⁰² City directories? TK ACPLGC?

⁹⁹⁷ "Bone Gap News," *Daily Republican-Register* (Mt. Carmel, Ill.), Tue. 21 July 1931, p. 6, cols. 6–7.

⁹⁹⁸ "Bone Gap Personals," *Daily Republican-Register* (Mt. Carmel, Ill.), Fri. 6 Nov. 1931, p. 5, col. 5. Also, "Plan Concert at Keensburg," Fri. 17 Mar. 1933, p. 2, col. 4.

⁹⁹⁹ "Special Coach Carries Band Over Southern," *Daily Republican-Register* (Mt. Carmel, Ill.), Mon. 20 June 1927, p. 6, cols. 4–5. Also, "Lick Prairie," *Daily Republican-Register* (Mt. Carmel, Ill.), Thur. 16 July 1929, p. 4, col. 5.

¹⁰⁰⁰ "Takes Position in Music Work in Pulaski County," *Daily Republican-Register* (Mt. Carmel, Ill.), Tue. 19 Sep. 1933, p. 2, col. 1.

¹⁰⁰¹ George King household, 1940 U.S. census, E. Peoria, Tazewell Co., Ill., ED 90-12, sh. 7A, dw. 143.

¹⁰⁰² "Edith Evelyn Gould Graveside Services Held Sunday," clipping from unknown newspaper (quite possibly the *Albion Journal*) dated 16 Nov. 1960, in author's possession.

CHAPTER 45. MELVIN PIFER—ROSALIE GALEENER—KATHRYN WILLIAMS FAMILY
Schoolteacher to USAF Lieutenant Colonel

45. CECIL MELVIN¹⁰ PIFER

TK Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹)
()TK biol. Tree also

Birth: 14 July 1915 in Covington, Alleghany County, Virginia¹⁰⁰³

Death: 15 June 1995 in Phoenix, Maricopa County, Arizona

Burial: TK

Spouse: **ROSALIE F. GALEENER** married 17 June 1938¹⁰⁰⁴

Spouse #1's parents: William Kenneth and Adela Pauline (Carrier) Galeener¹⁰⁰⁵

Spouse #1's birth: 23 December 1919 in Illinois¹⁰⁰⁶

Spouse #1's death: 2 March 2008 in Baraboo, Sauk County, Wisconsin¹⁰⁰⁷

Spouse #1's burial: TK

Spouse #2: **KATHRYN INEZ (WILLIAMS) SANDE** married second 23 July 1950 as her second husband in Great Falls, Cascade County, Montana

Spouse #2's parents: John G. and Ann (Fraser) Williams

Spouse #2's birth: 28 March 1917 in Manlius, Bureau County¹⁰⁰⁸

Spouse #2's death: June 1984 in Phoenix¹⁰⁰⁹

Spouse #2's burial

Most likely Melvin came to Bone Gap in the early 1920s.¹⁰¹⁰ He was in a group that “motored” to Flora for an Epworth League gathering in 1929.¹⁰¹¹ In 1930 he was “foster son” of Edith Gould in Bone Gap.¹⁰¹² He visited sister Lucille in Carbondale in the summer of 1931, as well as friends in Zeigler and Mounds.¹⁰¹³ He graduated Bone Gap High School second in his class¹⁰¹⁴ and entered the

¹⁰⁰³ Cecil Melvin Pifer—Kathryn Sande marriage license 25794 (21 Mar. 1950), Cascade Co., Mont.; “Montana, Marriage Records, 1943–1986” > 1943–1956 > Cascade > Cas 2706–Cas 6250 > image 2426 of 3548 (ancestry.com).

¹⁰⁰⁴ “Announce Engagement,” *Daily Republican-Register* (Mt. Carmel, Ill.), Tue. 31 May 1938, p. 4, col. 2. Melvin’s biological parents were described as “the late Mr. and Mrs. William Pifer of Covington, Va.,” although the father was probably not deceased. For Rosalie’s parents: William Kenneth Galeener—Adela Pauline Carrier marr. 17 June 1914, lic. #4199, Urbana, Champaign Co., Ill., marr. reg. 5:237; “Illinois, County Marriages, 1810–1940,” FHL 1,032,314, DGS 4,539,342, image 468–69 of 672 (familysearch.org).

¹⁰⁰⁵ “Announce Engagement,” *Daily Republican-Register* (Mt. Carmel, Ill.), Tue. 31 May 1938, p. 4, col. 2. Melvin’s parents were described as “the late Mr. and Mrs. William Pifer of Covington, Va.,” although the father was probably not deceased. For Rosalie’s parents: William Kenneth Galeener—Adela Pauline Carrier marr. 17 June 1914, lic. #4199, Urbana, Champaign Co., Ill., marr. reg. 5:237; “Illinois, County Marriages, 1810–1940,” FHL 1,032,314, DGS 4,539,342, image 468–69 of 672 (familysearch.org).

¹⁰⁰⁶ “Rosalie F. Aukland,” *Baraboo News-Republic* (Wis.), Thur. 6 Mar. 2008, no p. or col. no., transcription at genealogybank.com. Also, William K. Glienders [Galeener] household for daughter Boasil [Rosalie] age 1/12, 1920 U.S. census, Jasper Twp., Wayne Co., Ill., ED 157, sh. 7A, dw. 140, fam. 144. Also, Melvin Pifer household for wife Rosalie, 1940 U.S. census, La Rose, Marshall Co., Ill., ED 62-1, sh. 1B, dw. 25.

¹⁰⁰⁷ “Rosalie F. Aukland,” *Baraboo News-Republic* (Wis.), Thur. 6 Mar. 2008, no p. or col. no., transcription at genealogybank.com.

¹⁰⁰⁸ Cecil Melvin Pifer—Kathryn Sande marriage license 25794 (21 Mar. 1950), Cascade Co., Mont.; “Montana, Marriage Records, 1943–1986” > 1943–1956 > Cascade > Cas 2706–Cas 6250 > image 2426 of 3548 (ancestry.com). She was called Catherine Inez Williams in Ruth S. Widdison, comp., *Wixom Family History Supplement* (Salt Lake City: privately printed, 1988), unpaginated, under listing #14370.

¹⁰⁰⁹ Kathryn Pifer index entry, June 1984, SSDI.

¹⁰¹⁰ He was in Virginia at the time of the 1920 census: Virginia S. Leighton household for grandson Melvin Pifer age 4 9/12 and “widowed” daughter Willie Pifer age 33, 1920 U.S. census, Covington, Alleghany Co., Va., ED 5, sh. 4B, dw. 70, fam. 72.

¹⁰¹¹ “Goes To Take Training Course in Health Work,” *Daily Republican-Register* (Mt. Carmel, Ill.), Thur. 20 June 1929, p. 4, col. 4.

¹⁰¹² Edith Gould household for Melvin Pifer, 1930 U.S. census, Bone Gap, Edwards Co., Ill., ED 3, sh. 2B, dw./fam. 65.

¹⁰¹³ “Bone Gap News,” *Daily Republican-Register* (Mt. Carmel, Ill.), Tue. 21 July 1931, p. 6, cols. 6–7.

¹⁰¹⁴ “Announce Engagement,” *Daily Republican-Register* (Mt. Carmel, Ill.), Tue. 31 May 1938, p. 4, col. 2.

University of Illinois in 1934.¹⁰¹⁵ In 1935 he was living in Champaign, Champaign County.¹⁰¹⁶ In the summer of 1937 he visited with Mortimer Piper of Rantoul, and had six weeks' military training at Camp Custer in Michigan.¹⁰¹⁷

Melvin's first wife Rosalie Galeener graduated from University High School in Champaign.¹⁰¹⁸ Likely divorced between the 1940 census and 23 July 1950, she married second Owen Maller, who was born in 1930 and died 2005.¹⁰¹⁹ In the late 1950s they were living at 607 W. White in Champaign, when he was a university student¹⁰²⁰—most likely a graduate student, as he received a bachelor of science degree there in 1952.¹⁰²¹ After they parted ways Rosalie married third Raymond Aukland, and Owen married second about 1974 Alma Sollod. Owen's career included a U of I doctorate in psychology in 1964, research at North Carolina State University and the Veterans Administration, co-authorship of the book *Chemical Senses and Nutrition* in 1977, and later on a volunteer stint at Lankenau Hospital, Wynnewood Township, Montgomery and Delaware counties, Pennsylvania, entertaining patients as "Dr. Hugh Moore."¹⁰²²

Melvin's second wife Kathryn had two years of college and taught school.¹⁰²³ She had married first 10 March 1943 in Phoenix, Maricopa County, Arizona, Charles Bernard Sande.¹⁰²⁴ Charles was born 24 October 1915 in Laurel, Yellowstone County, Montana, and died 23 May 1992 in Billings,¹⁰²⁵ the son of Charles B. and Mary (Parchet/Sarchet) Sande.¹⁰²⁶ In 1944 Kathryn and Charles were living at 33 Burlington Avenue in Billings; he was in the army and she was "cash[ier]" for Consolidated Freightways.¹⁰²⁷ She divorced him 16 December 1946 in Roundup, Musselshell County, Montana, on grounds of "extreme cruelty."¹⁰²⁸

In 1938 Melvin completed the ROTC course at the University of Illinois which led to the rank of second lieutenant.¹⁰²⁹ In 1940 he and Rosalie were living in a \$9-a-month apartment in La Rose, Marshall County, where he earned \$1700 for 44 weeks' work teaching school in 1939.¹⁰³⁰ He had three Air Force enlistments totaling almost twenty years: 2 to 15 July 1939, 20 August 1941 to 30 November

¹⁰¹⁵ "Bone Gap News," *Daily Republican-Register* (Mt. Carmel, Ill.), Wed. 5 Dec. 1934, p. 4, col. 6.

¹⁰¹⁶ Melvin Pifer household, 1940 U.S. census, La Rose, Marshall Co., Ill., ED 62-1, sh. 1B, dw. 25.

¹⁰¹⁷ "Neighbors Meet at Gillette Home," *Daily Republican-Register* (Mt. Carmel, Ill.), Thur. 17 June 1937, p. 3, col. 4.

¹⁰¹⁸ "Announce Engagement," *Daily Republican-Register* (Mt. Carmel, Ill.), Tue. 31 May 1938, p. 4, col. 2.

¹⁰¹⁹ "Obituaries . . . Dr. Owen Maller, 75," *Philadelphia Enquirer*, Fri. 26 Aug. 2005, p. B7, col. 4.

¹⁰²⁰ Owen Maller and Rosalie F. entries, *Polk's Champaign-Urbana (Champaign County, Ill.) City Directory 1960* (St. Louis, Mo.: R. L. Polk & Co., 1960), p. 311 (image 220 of 431) (ancestry.com). Similarly, 1957, p. 379, image 201 of 476; 1958, p. 316, image 223 of 429; 1959, p. 320, image 218 of 427.

¹⁰²¹ Owen Maller degree, Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois, 19 June 1952, p. 1558 (https://archives.library.illinois.edu/erec/University%20Archives/0101802/02_volume_sections/1950-1952/23_meeting_1952-06-19.pdf).

¹⁰²² "Obituaries . . . Dr. Owen Maller, 75," *Philadelphia Enquirer*, Fri. 26 Aug. 2005, p. B7, col. 4.

¹⁰²³ J. G. Williams household for daughter Kathryn, 1940 U.S. census, Great Falls, Cascade Co., Mont., ED 7-4, sh. 9A, dw. 293.

¹⁰²⁴ Charles Bernard Sande-Kathryn Williams marriage license and cert. 10 Mar. 1943, Phoenix, Maricopa Co., Ariz., p. 211; "Arizona, County Marriage Records, 1865-1972" > Maricopa > Marriage Licenses > image 13675 of 86651 (ancestry.com).

¹⁰²⁵ Charles B. Sande index entry, d. 23 May 1992, SSDI.

¹⁰²⁶ Charles B. Sande-Mary Parchet/Sarchet marr. 24 July 1907, Anaconda, Deer Lodge Co., Mont., #3055, Marr. Rec. p. 1121; "Montana, County Marriages, 1865-1987" > Deer Lodge > Marriage Records, v. 2-4, 1897-1907 > image 902 of 919 (ancestry.com). In different places on the same form the first letter of her surname is clearly S and clearly P. Also, Charles B. Sande, 24 Oct. 1915, Montana birth cert. #72 or 66-199; "Montana, Birth Records, 1897-1919" > 1915 > 66 > image 395 of 1994 (ancestry.com).

¹⁰²⁷ Chas. B. and Kathryn I. Sande entries, *Polk's Billings (Yellowstone County, Montana) City Directory 1944* (Salt Lake City: R. L. Polk & Co., 1944), p. 328, image 163 of 358 (ancestry.com).

¹⁰²⁸ Kathryn Sande, plaintiff, vs. Charles B. Sande, defendant, case #5233, Montana Divorce or Annulment Certificate, 16 Dec 1946; "Montana, Divorce Records, 1943-1986" > 1943-1956 > Musselshell > Musl1-Musl175 > image 71 of 177 (ancestry.com).

¹⁰²⁹ "188 Illini Complete ROTC Course," *Daily Illini*, 28 May 1938, p. 1, col. 7.

¹⁰³⁰ Melvin Pifer household, 1940 U.S. census, La Rose, Marshall Co., Ill., ED 62-1, sh. 1B, dw. 25.

1957, and 6 January 1958 to 31 December 1961,¹⁰³¹ retiring as a lieutenant colonel.¹⁰³² During the 1950s he and Kathryn lived in Cedar Rapids, Linn County, Iowa (1953), and in Peoria, Peoria County, Illinois (1956–59).¹⁰³³ In 1960 he was living in Phoenix.¹⁰³⁴

¹⁰³¹ Cecil Pifer index entry; “U.S., Dept. of Veterans Affairs BIRLS Death File, 1850–2010” (ancestry.com).

¹⁰³² “Cecil Melvin Pifer,” newspaper clipping 21 June 1995; “Arizona, Payson Obituaries, 1948–2008,” image 2480 of 8664, FHL 100,743,143. Biological parents from Cecil Melvin Pifer index entry, “U.S., Social Security Application and Claims Index, 1936–2007” (ancestry.com).

¹⁰³³ Cecil M. and Kathryn Parker entries: *Polk’s Cedar Rapids (Linn County, Iowa), City Directory 1953* (Omaha, Neb.: R. L. Polk & Co., 1953), p. 499, image 266 of 594. *Polk’s Peoria (Peoria County, Ill.), City Directory 1956* (St. Louis, Mo.: R. L. Polk & Co., 1956), p. 603, image 513 of 836. Similarly, *1957*, p. 581, image 389 of 709; *1958*, p. 598, image 410 of 725; and *1959*, p. 606, image 419 of 740 (ancestry.com).

¹⁰³⁴ “Edith Evelyn Gould Graveside Services Held Sunday,” clipping from unknown newspaper (quite possibly the *Albion Journal*) dated 16 Nov. 1960, in author’s possession.

CHAPTER 46. CARRIE MARSHALL–HOWARD DAUGHENBAUGH FAMILY
46 Years on the Southern Pacific (including 1937 Rose Bowl)

46. CARRIE ELEANOR¹⁰ MARSHALL (Etta Jane Campbell⁹, Hannah Caroline Thrall⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John^{4,3}, Timothy², William¹)

Birth: 1 November 1900 in Louisiana

Death: 31 January 1977

Burial: Greenwood Cemetery, Jennings, Jefferson Davis Parish, Louisiana¹⁰³⁵

Spouse: **HOWARD LEE DAUGHENBAUGH** married 17 December 1919 in Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish¹⁰³⁶

Spouse's parents: Henry and Philomene (Miller) Daughenbaugh¹⁰³⁷

Spouse's birth: 6 June 1898 in Louisiana

Spouse's death: 27 August 1964 in Calcasieu Parish

Spouse's burial: Greenwood Cemetery¹⁰³⁸

Howard reportedly began his railroad career about 1917 as “station agent on the Lafayette division.”¹⁰³⁹ After their 1919 wedding, the young couple planned to live with Howard’s parents “until located at a home of their own in Jennings.”¹⁰⁴⁰ In 1930 Carrie and Howard were renting at \$30 a month, and owned a radio.¹⁰⁴¹ In 1937, “widely known in south Louisiana,” he was promoted to general agent at Birmingham, Jefferson County, Alabama.¹⁰⁴² In 1940 they lived at 427 Helen in Lake Charles, a house valued at \$8,000 (statewide average was \$1414); he earned \$3600 for 52 weeks of work.¹⁰⁴³ In 1930 and 1940 Carrie’s parents Harvey and Etta Marshall were with them.¹⁰⁴⁴ In 1955 the family was living in New Orleans.¹⁰⁴⁵

Howard worked various jobs for the Southern Pacific Railroad for 46 years, retiring in 1963. He was a clerk at Jennings and Opelousas; traveling agent at Lake Charles, New Iberia, and Birmingham; district freight and passenger agent at Lake Charles from 1938 to 1952; and assistant general freight and passenger agent in New Orleans from 1952 to 1963—also a member of the New

¹⁰³⁵ “Carrie E. Marshall wife of Howard L. Daughenbaugh Sr.” grave marker, Greenwood Cemetery, Jennings, La., memorial #140,858,188 by Bobby (findagrave.com). Also, Harvey Marshall household for daughter Carrie, 1910 U.S. census, Calcasieu Parish, Police Jury Ward 10, ED 51, sh. 23B, dw. 450, fam. 402.

¹⁰³⁶ Carrie Elenor Marshall–Howard Lee Daughenbaugh marriage 17 Dec. 1919, Calcasieu Parish, 11:498; image 118 of 1118, FHL 1,405,694, DGS 4,705,923. Carrie’s adoptive grandfather Charles W. Campbell officiated. Also, witnesses were Mr. Lynn L. Daughenbaugh and Ruth Marshall: “Daughenbaugh–Marshall,” *Jennings Daily Times-Record* (La.), Thur. 18 Dec. 1919, p. 1, col. 3.

¹⁰³⁷ Henry Doughenbough [Daughenbaugh] household for son Henry L. age 1 born June 1898, 1900 U.S. census, Acadia Parish, La., Ward 4, ED 6, sh. 15B, dw. 262, fam. 264. For Philomene’s birth surname, Ivan Henry Daughenbaugh–Eula Mae Langley marriage 1 May 1924, record D:257; “Louisiana, Parish Marriages, 1837–1957” > Jefferson Davis Parish > FHL 1,378,075, DGS 4,705,663 > image 570 (familysearch.org).

¹⁰³⁸ Howard L. Daughenbaugh grave marker, Greenwood Cemetery, Jennings, La., memorial 121,297,158 by Marie (findagrave.com). Also, “H.L. Daughenbaugh,” *Lake Charles American Press* (La.), Fri. 28 Aug. 1964, p. 2, col. 1.

¹⁰³⁹ “Railroad Man Here Is Given Promotion,” *The Abbeville Meriodional* (La.), Sat. 6 Mar. 1937, p. 8, col. 5.

¹⁰⁴⁰ “Daughenbaugh–Marshall,” *Jennings Daily Times-Record* (La.), Thur. 18 Dec. 1919, p. 1, col. 3.

¹⁰⁴¹ Howard L. Daughenbaugh household, 1930 U.S. census, New Iberia City, Iberia Parish, La., Ward 6, ED 8, sh. 2A, dw. 27, fam. 32.

¹⁰⁴² “Railroad Man Here Is Given Promotion,” *The Abbeville Meriodional* (La.), Sat. 6 Mar. 1937, p. 8, col. 5.

¹⁰⁴³ Howard L. Daughenbaugh household, 1940 U.S. census, Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish, La., ED 10-15, sh. 23 B, dw. 555. Statewide figures from *United States Census Bureau*, Census of Housing, Historical Census of Housing Tables, Median Home Values Unadjusted 1940 (census.gov/hhes/www/housing/census/historic/values.html).

¹⁰⁴⁴ Howard L. Daughenbaugh household for in-laws Harvey and Etta Marshall, 1930 U.S. census, New Iberia City, Iberia Parish, La., Ward 6, ED 8, sh. 2A, dw. 27, fam. 32. Also, Howard L. Daughenbaugh household, 1940 U.S. census, Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish, ED 10-15, sh. 23 B, dw. 555.

¹⁰⁴⁵ “Society,” *The Times-Picayune* (New Orleans), Fri. 23 Dec. 1955, p. 29, col. 2.

Orleans, Lake Charles, and Mobile Traffic Clubs. He was an active lay leader and fund raiser in the Louisiana Conference of the Methodist Church.¹⁰⁴⁶ In 1947 he spoke to a PTA meeting in favor of “raising the standards of our schools as well as helping to raise salaries.”¹⁰⁴⁷

On Christmas night 1937, a special train, “California and Rose Bowl bound,” was to depart Montgomery, Alabama, at 10:33 p.m. According to agents Daughenbaugh (Southern Pacific) and W. M. Hays (Louisville & Nashville), the 75 passengers with reservations were the largest group “ever to follow the Alabama football team to California for a Rose Bowl battle.” The special train was to be “made up here [Montgomery]” and later to join a special from Birmingham before adding five sleepers and two dining cars at New Orleans along the way.

“Mr. Daughenbaugh plans to make the trip as a loyal rooter of the Crimson during the big contest. In addition to those making the trip by train, a number of other local fans will be leaving today and tomorrow by automobile. Maj. Aubrey Hornsby, ace pilot of Maxwell Field, plans to fly to the Pacific Coast next week for the game.” After four days in Los Angeles, the return train was to head home 2 January.¹⁰⁴⁸ However, the Tide was at ebb that year, losing to California 13-0 before a crowd of 90,000.¹⁰⁴⁹

¹⁰⁴⁶ “Daughenbaugh Funeral Today,” *The Times-Picayune* (New Orleans), Fri. 28 Aug. 1964, p. 20, col. 3. For his stint at Lk. Charles, “SP Railroad District Agent Here Promoted,” *Lake Charles American Press* (La.), Sat. 22 June 1963, p. 1, col. 5.

¹⁰⁴⁷ “Teachers Should Be Paid Higher Salaries, States Speaker at Gueydan Meet,” *The Abbeville Meridian* (La.), Sat. 7 June 1947, p. 4, col. 1.

¹⁰⁴⁸ “Largest Crowd Follows Alabama to Pasadena Game,” *The Montgomery Advertiser* (Ala.), Sat. 25 Dec. 1937, p. 5, col. 2.

¹⁰⁴⁹ “1938 Rose Bowl,” *Wikipedia* (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1938_Rose_Bowl).

CHAPTER 47. BEULAH MARSHALL
Nursing in Louisiana and Texas

47. BEULAH¹⁰ MARSHALL (Etta Jane Campbell⁹, Hannah Caroline Thrall⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹)

Birth: 11 August 1904 in Louisiana

Death: 29 December 1983 in Louisiana, last residence New Iberia, Iberia Parish¹⁰⁵⁰

Burial: TK

TK 1910 and 1920?

Beulah attended a family gathering for her Marshall grandmother 30 December 1920,¹⁰⁵¹ and in 1930 she was a student nurse living at St. Patrick's Hospital Student Nurses Home on South Ryan Street in Lake Charles, Louisiana.¹⁰⁵² In 1934 she was supervisor of nurses at TK.¹⁰⁵³ In 1935 and 1940 she and Marie Keaton, both trained nurses, shared a New Orleans apartment at 3122 Cleveland that rented for \$22 a month. She earned \$1500 in 1939.¹⁰⁵⁴ (This Beulah Marshall should not be confused with the Louisiana-born Beulah [usually Beulah F.] who was a couple of years older and lived with husband John G. Marshall and daughter in Pasadena, California, in 1940.¹⁰⁵⁵)

Beulah served in the army near the end of World War II, 24 May to 23 December 1945.¹⁰⁵⁶ In 1952 she was in Wichita Falls, Wichita County, Texas.¹⁰⁵⁷ She was still there and unmarried in 1955, when the 1930 class of student nurses observed its 25th anniversary.¹⁰⁵⁸ TK CHECK CITY DIRECTORIES ACPLGC In 1977 she was in New Iberia, Louisiana.¹⁰⁵⁹

¹⁰⁵⁰ Harvey Marshall household for daughter Beulah, 1910 U.S. census, Calcasieu Parish, Police Jury Ward 10, ED 51, sh. 23B, dw. 450, fam. 402. For month and year of death, and last known residence, Beulah Marshall index entry, SSDI. For exact date, Beulah Marshall index entry, "U.S., Dept. of Veterans Affairs BIRLS Death File, 1850–2010" (ancestry.com).

¹⁰⁵¹ "Family Reunion Held in Honor of Mother, Mrs. Ellen Marshall," *Jennings Daily Times-Record* (La.), Sat. 31 Dec. 1921, p. 5, col. 4.

¹⁰⁵² Beulah F. Marshall, lodger, St. Patrick's Sanitarium Student Nurses Home, Lake Charles City, Calcasieu Parish, La., Ward 4, ED 12, sh. 17A, dw. 333, fam. 355.

¹⁰⁵³ "Boy Veteran of 35 Operations Dictates Letter to Santa," *The Times-Picayune* (New Orleans), Wed. 12 Dec. 1934, p. 1, col. 6. Includes a photo of the boy and nursing supervisor Beulah Marshall.

¹⁰⁵⁴ Beulah Marshall, partner in Marie Keaton household, 1940 U.S. census, New Orleans, Orleans Parish, La., Ward 3, ED 36-56, sh. 62B (dwelling numbers are random).

¹⁰⁵⁵ John G. Marshall household for Beulah F. age 37, 1940 U.S. census, Pasadena, Los Angeles Co., Cal., Ward 47, ED 19-497, sh. 17B, dw. 431.

¹⁰⁵⁶ Beulah Marshall index entry, "U.S., Dept. of Veterans Affairs BIRLS Death File, 1850–2010" (ancestry.com). Also, Social Security Death Index.

¹⁰⁵⁷ Elta [Etta] Campbell, Tex. death cert. 53703, 7 Dec. 1952, Wichita Falls; "Texas, Death Certificates, 1903–1982" > Wichita > 1952 > Oct–Dec > image 170 of 240.

¹⁰⁵⁸ "Nurses Class of 1930 to Hold Reunion," *Lake Charles American-Press* (La.), Sun. 8 May 1955, p. 6, col. 1.

¹⁰⁵⁹ "Daughenbaugh," *The Times-Picayune* (New Orleans), Wed. 2 Feb. 1977, p. 16, col. 7.

CHAPTER 48. LENA CAMPBELL–JACKIE PEARSON FAMILY
Cobden to St. Louis

48. LEONA “LENA” MAE¹⁰ CAMPBELL (Leo Frank Campbell⁹, Hannah Caroline Thrall⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John^{4,3}, Timothy², William¹)

Birth: 1920 (possibly 13 September) in Illinois¹⁰⁶⁰

Death: 1999 (possibly 31 July)

Burial: Block 10, lot 2D, grave 5 in Cobden Cemetery, Cobden, Union County

Spouse: **CHESTER EDWARD “JACKIE” PEARSON** married at Jackson, Cape Girardeau County, Missouri, 19 August 1938¹⁰⁶¹

Spouse’s parents: Roscoe and Millie (Peterman) Pearson¹⁰⁶²

Spouse’s birth: 11 January 1915 TK where?

Spouse’s death: 31 August 1995 TK where??

Spouse’s burial: with his wife at Block 10, lot 2D, grave 7 in Cobden Cemetery¹⁰⁶³

TK 1920 census

Leona and Chester both had four years of high school. In 1940 they were renting an \$8-a-month apartment in Cobden; he was working as a draftsman for the WPA.¹⁰⁶⁴ Chester served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. In 1945 he was aboard the U.S.S. *Farenholt* (DD491) as SKD 2c (disbursing storekeeper, 2nd class).¹⁰⁶⁵

Chester and “Mae” were in St. Louis, Missouri, in 1962 and 1976.¹⁰⁶⁶ In 1966 they lived at 5951 Marwinette Avenue there, and he was office manager for Loomis Brothers Equipment.¹⁰⁶⁷

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ANCESTRY.COM HAS VERY INCOMPLETE DIRECTORIES. ACPLGC ENDS 1979

¹⁰⁶⁰ Leo F. Campbell household for daughter Leona Mae age 10, 1930 U.S. census, Cobden, Union Co., Ill., ED 9, sh. 13B, dw./fam. 95. Also, Leona Mae Pearson grave marker, Cobden Cemetery, Cobden Ill., image, memorial #43,921,566 for Leona Mae Campbell Pearson by Alethea England (findagrave.com).

¹⁰⁶¹ C. E. Jackie Pearson–Lena Mae Campbell marriage license and return #3372, Cape Girardeau Co., Mo. 19 Aug. 1938; “Missouri, Marriage Records 1805–2002” > Cape Girardeau > Record images for Cape Girardeau > 1936–1939 > image 249 of 779 (ancestry.com).

¹⁰⁶² Roscoe Pearson household for son Chester age 4, 1920 U.S. census, Cobden, Union Co., Ill., ED 137, sheet 7A, dw. 130, fam. 144. For Millie’s birth surname, Roscoe Pearson and spouse Millie Peterman entries, “U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936–2007” (ancestry.com). Also, Millie Peterman age 8 in Wm. J. Peterman household, 1900 U.S. census, Goreville, Johnson Co., Ill., ED 41, sheet 6A, dw. 104, fam. 108. Roscoe was a railroad laborer.

¹⁰⁶³ Chester E. Pearson grave marker, Cobden Cemetery, Cobden, Ill., image, memorial #44,165,557 for Chester Edward “Jack” Pearson by Alethea England (findagrave.com).

¹⁰⁶⁴ C. E. Pearson household, 1940 U.S. census, Cobden, Union Co., Ill., ED 91-9, sheet 3A, dw. 57.

¹⁰⁶⁵ Chester E. Pearson grave marker, Cobden Cemetery, Cobden, Ill., image, memorial #44,165,557 for Chester Edward “Jack” Pearson by Alethea England (findagrave.com). Also, Chester E. Pearson entry, Navy Cruise Books, 1918–2009 > F > 1945 > pp. 46 and 52 (<https://www.fold3.com/image/1/301648353> and <https://www.fold3.com/image/1/301648365>). For rating, Bluejackets manual, ACPLGC TK.

¹⁰⁶⁶ “Leo F. Campbell, Father of Paducah Resident, Dies,” *Paducah Sun-Democrat* (Ky.), 23 Feb. 1962, p. 16A, col. 1. “Deaths...Fleeta Campbell,” *Southern Illinoisan* (Carbondale), Thur. 22 Apr. 1976, p. 30, col. 5.

¹⁰⁶⁷ C. Jack Pearson (Mae) entry, *Polk’s St. Louis (Missouri) City Directory 1966* (Detroit: R. L. Polk & Co., 1967), p. 1279.

CHAPTER 49. MARY ANNA CAMPBELL—EDWARD KOHLER FAMILY

49. MARY ANNA¹⁰ CAMPBELL (Leo Frank Campbell⁹, Hannah Caroline Thrall⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹)

Birth: about 1932 (possibly 17 August 1931) in Illinois¹⁰⁶⁸

Death: 30 October 2013 in Paducah, McCracken County, Kentucky

Burial: 2 November 2013 at Mount Kenton Cemetery there

Spouse: **EDWARD AUGUST KOHLER** married about 1951¹⁰⁶⁹

Spouse's parents: Edward August (Sr.) and Grace (Rendleman) Kohler

Spouse's birth: 9 March 1928 in Alto Pass, Union County

Spouse's death: 1 December 2016 in Paducah, McCracken County, Kentucky

Spouse's burial: 5 December 2016 at Mount Kenton Cemetery¹⁰⁷⁰

Edward attended Southern Illinois University and worked 44 years for Martin Marietta Systems.¹⁰⁷¹ TK catalog, yearbook

A member of Broadway United Methodist Church, Mary Anna “was an excellent musician and used her musical talents as a soloist, piano teacher, choir director, and church organist and pianist.”¹⁰⁷² TK Paducah directories

¹⁰⁶⁸ Leo Campbell household for daughter Mary A. age 8, 1940 U.S. census, Cobden, Union Co., Ill., ED 91-9, sh. 6A, dw. 122. Exact date is unsourced at Mary Anna Campbell Kohler memorial (no image) #119,591,439 by AZLITE (findagrave.com).

¹⁰⁶⁹ “Funeral Notice . . . Mary Anna Kohler,” *Paducah Sun* (Ky.), Wed. 30 Oct. 2013, p. A10, cols. 1–2.

¹⁰⁷⁰ “Edward A. Kohler,” *Paducah Sun* (Ky.), Sun. 4 Dec. 2016, p. A11, cols. 3–4.

¹⁰⁷¹ “Edward A. Kohler,” *Paducah Sun* (Ky.), Sun. 4 Dec. 2016, p. A11, cols. 3–4.

¹⁰⁷² “Funeral Notice . . . Mary Anna Kohler,” *Paducah Sun* (Ky.), Wed. 30 Oct. 2013, p. A10, cols. 1–2.

CHAPTER 50. EDITH THRALL—GEORGE MOOERS FAMILY

Artist and minister in Michigan and Pennsylvania

50. EDITH FLINT¹⁰ THRALL (Victor Worthy⁹, Leonidas⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹)

Birth: 7 October 1904 in O'Fallon, St. Clair County¹⁰⁷³

Death: 23 April 1989; where? TK

Burial: TK

Spouse: **GEORGE ANSEL MOOERS** married 16 or 26 August 1926 in Albion, Calhoun County, Michigan

Spouse's parents: Charles Ansel and Gertrude (Broome) Mooers

Spouse's birth: 20 July 1899 in Knoxville, Knox County, Tennessee

Spouse's death: 10 September 1987 in Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio

Spouse's burial: Muskegon, Muskegon County, Michigan¹⁰⁷⁴

TK 1920 census?

Edith studied at the University of Tennessee, Northwestern University, and Albion College. “She led and participated in dramatic productions in different communities. She organized and directed children’s choirs in various churches. She did extensive entertaining of the entire church membership at the parsonages in which she lived.”¹⁰⁷⁵

George earned degrees from the University of Tennessee, Garrett Biblical Institute, and Adrian College, with additional study at the University of Chicago and Northwestern University. In 1927 he and his father-in-law Rev. Victor Thrall preached the morning and evening services at Knoxville First Methodist.¹⁰⁷⁶

In addition to serving as a Methodist minister, he was an artist who painted regularly until the age of 84. In more than 40 years beginning in 1925 he served the following charges:

* Coal City, Grundy County, Illinois; TK N. IL conf. info

* Reading, Hillsdale County, Michigan, 1928; TK Mich. conf. info

* Belding, Ionia County, Michigan;

* Charlotte, Eaton County, Michigan;

* St. Joseph, Berrien County, Michigan, 1938;

* Holland, Ottawa and Allegan counties, Michigan;

¹⁰⁷³ TK

¹⁰⁷⁴ “George Ansel Mooers,” 1988 *Official Journal and Year Book Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference, The United Methodist Church*, Grove City, Pa., 14–17 June 1988, p. 371.

¹⁰⁷⁵ “Edith Flint Thralls [Thrall] Mooers,” 1990 *Official Journal and Year Book Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference, The United Methodist Church*, Grove City, Pa., 14–17 June 1990, p. 313.

¹⁰⁷⁶ “Visitors at First M.E.,” *Knoxville News-Sentinel* (Tenn.), Sun. 2 Jan. 1927, p. 5D, col. 5.

* Muskegon, Muskegon County, Michigan;

* Bellevue, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, 1954–62;

* Connellsville District Superintendent, Pennsylvania, 1962–68; and in retirement,

* Mt. Washington, Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, 1969–70.

“He was a romantic at heart . . . His gentle spirit, his wry sense of humor, his appreciation of art forms . . . conveyed the beauty and glory of the gospel.”¹⁰⁷⁷

¹⁰⁷⁷ “George Ansel Mooers,” *1988 Official Journal and Year Book Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference, The United Methodist Church*, Grove City, Pennsylvania, 14–17 June 1988, p. 371. For 1928 in Reading, *Centennial McKendree College with St. Clair County History* (Lebanon, Ill.: McKendree College, 1928), 369.

CHAPTER 51. EVELYN THRALL–JESS BIRD FAMILY

Subsistence homesteading and the “strawberry walk”

51. EVELYN GRACE¹⁰ THRALL (Victor Worthy⁹, Leonidas⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹)

Birth: 27 December 1907¹⁰⁷⁸ where? TK S. ILL conf. material possibly

Death: 15 June 1987 at the University of Tennessee hospital¹⁰⁷⁹

Burial: Ozone Cemetery, Cumberland County, Tennessee¹⁰⁸⁰

Spouse: **JOSHUA “JESS” JENNINGS BIRD** married Battle Creek, Calhoun County, Michigan, 26 August 1933

Spouse’s parents: Samuel and Harriett (Jennings) Bird¹⁰⁸¹

Spouse’s birth: reportedly 19 May 1903 in Bandon, Ireland¹⁰⁸²

Spouse’s death: 3 January 1982 in Crossville, Cumberland County, Tennessee¹⁰⁸³

Spouse’s burial: with his wife¹⁰⁸⁴

In 1928–29 Evelyn was teaching school in Holland, Ottawa County, Michigan.¹⁰⁸⁵ Jess, from nearby Belding, Ionia County, Michigan, earned an agriculture degree from Michigan State 23 June 1930.¹⁰⁸⁶

Their 1933 Battle Creek marriage ceremony was described as “one of the most elaborate and beautiful weddings of the year,” after which the couple “motored” to Tennessee, where they were to spend a week “at a friend’s estate in the Smoky mountains.” Evelyn carried “a lace handkerchief which belonged to her maternal grandmother, Mrs. Alfred Jones, who was married 75 years ago yesterday.”¹⁰⁸⁷

After marriage they lived at 531 Ann in East Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan, where Jess was “connected with Michigan State college in the crops improvement division.”¹⁰⁸⁸ In 1940 the family

¹⁰⁷⁸ TK

¹⁰⁷⁹ “Obituaries . . . Bird, Mrs. Evelyn Thrall,” *The Knoxville News-Sentinel* (Tenn.), Tue. 16 June 1987, p. 7, col. 2.

¹⁰⁸⁰ Evelyn T. Bird grave marker, image, Ozone Cemetery, Cumberland Co., Tenn., memorial 58,954,643 for Evelyn Thrall Bird by Larry Moore (findagrave.com).

¹⁰⁸¹ “Evelyn Thrall To Be Married To Belding Man,” *The Enquirer and Evening News* (Battle Creek, Mich.), Tues. 2 May 1933, p. 10, col. 7. Also, “Thrall–Bell Wedding Is Solemnized,” Sun. 27 Aug. 1933, p. 6, col. 6. For Harriet’s birth surname, Jess Jennings Bird–Evelyn Grace Thrall marr. lic. 131,308, 27 July 1933, cert. 26 Aug. 1933, Ingham Co., Mich.; “Michigan, Marriage Records, 1867–1952” > Certificates, 1926–1942 > Ingham > Ingham (1932–1935) > image 516 of 7729 (ancestry.com). Evelyn’s father presided; witnesses were Delmer H. LaVoi of E. Lansing and the bride’s sister Edith T. Mooers of Belding, Mich.

¹⁰⁸² Joshua Jennings Bird birth index entry, April–June 1903, Bandon, Ireland, vol. 5, p. 3; “Ireland, Civil Registration Indexes, 1845–1958,” FHL 101,069, DGS 4,193,983, image 386. For Ireland about 1904 as birth, Samuel Bird Sr. household, 1920 U.S. census, ED 142, Winfield, Montcalm Co., Mich., sheet 6B, dw. 146, fam. 145. According to this record the family immigrated in 1910 and Samuel had taken out “first papers” for citizenship.

¹⁰⁸³ “Bird, Ex-UT Horticulture Prof, Dies,” *Knoxville News-Sentinel* (Tenn.), Tues. 5. Jan. 1982, p. B5, col. 1.

¹⁰⁸⁴ Jess J. Bird grave marker, image, Ozone Cemetery, Cumberland Co., Tenn., memorial 58,954,584 by Larry Moore (findagrave.com).

¹⁰⁸⁵ “First Methodist Church Members Are to Greet New Minister Today,” *The Enquirer and Evening News* (Battle Creek, Mich.), Sat. 29 Sep. 1928, p. 2, col. 6.

¹⁰⁸⁶ “M.S.C. to Give 471 Degrees at Commencement Rites June 23,” *The State Journal* (Lansing, Mich.), Sat. 7 June 1930, p. 9, col. 1.

¹⁰⁸⁷ “Thrall–Bell Wedding Is Solemnized,” Sun. 27 Aug. 1933, p. 6, col. 6.

¹⁰⁸⁸ “Thrall–Bell Wedding Is Solemnized,” Sun. 27 Aug. 1933, p. 6, col. 6 (note ZZ).

lived in rural Cumberland County, Tennessee, in a \$1000 house, somewhat below the statewide average that year of \$1826.¹⁰⁸⁹ TK EDUCN. 1940?

“When he came to UT [the University of Tennessee], Bird headed an agricultural experimentstation on the Cumberland Plateau and conducted an experiment in subsistence homesteading after the Depression, teaching persons to make their living on small farms. He returned to the Knoxville campus in 1947 and served on the UT Agricultural Extension Service as a horticulturist until he retired[in 1969]. Bird helped strawberry production statewide when he started a pick-your-own farm and demonstrated the ‘strawberry walk,’ a three-step method for planting strawberries. He established the Bird Peach Farm in Lenoir City, another pick-your-own farm which is still in operation. He also helped in the initial planning of Cumberland State Park near Crossville. . . . He was an archer, woodworker and a member of the Southern Handicraft Guild.”¹⁰⁹⁰

¹⁰⁸⁹ Jess J. Bird (informant) household, 1940 U.S. census, 3rd Dist., Cumberland Co., Tenn., ED 18-7, sheet 5B, dw. 80. Statewide figures from *United State Census Bureau*, Census of Housing, Historical Census of Housing Tables, Median Home Values Unadjusted 1940 (census.gov/hhes/www/housing/census/historic/values.html).

¹⁰⁹⁰ “Bird, Ex-UT Horticulture Prof, Dies,” *Knoxville News-Sentinel* (Tenn.), Tues. 5. Jan. 1982, p. B5, col. 1. For retirement date and an interstate highway story, Elmer Hinton, “Down to Earth: Certain Price for Progress,” *The Tennessean* (Nashville), Thur. 10 Apr. 1969, p. 16, col. 3.

52. VICTOR WORTHY¹⁰ THRALL, JR. (Victor Worthy⁹, Leonidas⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹)

Birth: 10 February 1918 in Evanston, Cook County

Death: 12 December 2000 in Pekin, Tazewell County¹⁰⁹¹

Burial: TK

Spouse: **DONNA M. BROWN** married 10 May 1941 in Pekin

Spouse's parents: Harry T. and Mary Alice (Kear) Brown¹⁰⁹²

Spouse's birth: 22 November 1917 in Peoria, Peoria County

Spouse's death: 25 February 2013 in Pekin

Spouse's burial: Meadow Lawn Cemetery in Manito, Mason County¹⁰⁹³

Victor Jr. graduated from Illinois Wesleyan University in 1939 in business administration.¹⁰⁹⁴ In 1940 *he was a salesman for a paper mill in Kalamazoo County, Michigan*, and living with his parents there.¹⁰⁹⁵ Donna and Victor both had four years of college; in 1940 *he was working as a teacher*, living with her parents at 603 South 6th Street in Pekin. TKTK REALLY? BOTH PLACES? The house was valued at \$6000, almost double the statewide average of \$3277.¹⁰⁹⁶

He served in the Army Air Force during World War II. Prior to the war, he worked for KVP Co., a paper mill in Kalamazoo, Michigan. After the war, he worked for Oakford Co., a grocery wholesaler in Pekin; for Peoria-based Brown & Bigelow in advertising specialties, and for Illini Welding (later Praxair) in Pekin, managing medical and safety sales.¹⁰⁹⁷

In 1972 Victor and Donna executed the will of Mary Brown.¹⁰⁹⁸ In September 1977 he was elected to the board of directors of the Pekin State Bank.¹⁰⁹⁹

¹⁰⁹¹ "Victor Thrall Jr." obituary, clipping from *Pekin Times* (Ill.), no page or exact date given but likely 13 Dec. 2000; in author's possession, tub 13, binder 325.

¹⁰⁹² Harry T. Brown household for wife Mary A. and daughter Dona [Donna], 1920 U.S. census, Manito, Mason Co., Ill., ED 85, sheet 4B, dw. 104, fam. 111. Also named in what appears to be a transcription of Donna's Pekin newspaper obituary: Donna M. Brown grave marker, no image, Meadow Lawn Cemetery, Manito, Mason Co., Ill., memorial 105,827,481 by Meadow Lawn Cemetery (findagrave.com).

¹⁰⁹³ "Victor Thrall Jr." obituary, clipping from *Pekin Times* (Ill.), no page or exact date given but likely 13 Dec. 2000; in author's possession, tub 13, binder 325.

¹⁰⁹⁴ "Victor Thrall Jr." obituary, clipping from *Pekin Times* (Ill.), no page or exact date given but likely 13 Dec. 2000; in author's possession, tub 13, binder 325.

¹⁰⁹⁵ Victor Thrall household for Victor Jr., 1940 U.S. census, Parchment, Kalamazoo Co., Mich., ED 39-49, sheet 3B, dw. 57.

¹⁰⁹⁶ Harry Brown household for daughter Danna [Donna], 1940 U.S. census, Pekin, Tazewell Co., Ill., ED 90-44, Ward 6, sheet 10B, dw. 240. Statewide figures from *United State Census Bureau*, Census of Housing, Historical Census of Housing Tables, Median Home Values Unadjusted 1940 (census.gov/hhes/www/housing/census/historic/values.html).

¹⁰⁹⁷ "Victor Thrall Jr." obituary, clipping from *Pekin Times* (Ill.), no page or exact date given but likely 13 Dec. 2000; in author's possession, tub 13, binder 325.

¹⁰⁹⁸ "Court Notes, Tazewell County," *The Pantagraph* (Bloomington, Ill.), Wed. 12 Jan. 1972, p. C5, col. 4

¹⁰⁹⁹ "Pekin Bank Names Officers," *The Pantagraph* (Bloomington-Normal, Ill.), Sun. 18 Sep 1977, p. B14, col. 1.

53. ENOLA ROSALIE⁴⁰ THRALL (William Flint⁹, Leonidas⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹)

Birth: 18 September 1907 in Flora, Clay County¹¹⁰⁰

Death: 19 April 1999 at St. Petersburg Beach, Pinellas County, Florida¹¹⁰¹

Burial: TK

Spouse: **COLIN CARMICHAEL** married 11 March 1933 in Chapel Hill, Orange County, North Carolina¹¹⁰²

Spouse's parents: TK Scots records!

Spouse's birth: 22 February 1905¹¹⁰³ in Glasgow, Lanarkshire, Scotland¹¹⁰⁴

Spouse's death: 16 October 1978 in St. Petersburg¹¹⁰⁵

Spouse's burial: TK

Rosalie was a librarian who moved from Cleveland to Florida in 1970.¹¹⁰⁶ She and Colin both had five years of college.¹¹⁰⁷ He was one of five new faculty members in engineering at the University of North Carolina in the fall of 1931.¹¹⁰⁸ He received his master's in mechanical engineering there in 1934.¹¹⁰⁹

They were in North Carolina in 1935 and at 48 Lawrence Avenue in Highland Park, Middlesex County, New Jersey, in 1940, where they rented for \$55 a month and he was a professor at Rutgers University.¹¹¹⁰ TK when to Cleve?

In 1950 he chaired the machine design division of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers¹¹¹¹ and edited a 1660-page reference for mechanical engineers on design and production, as part of the 12th edition of Kent's *Mechanical Engineers Handbook*.¹¹¹² In 1952, as editor of *Machine Design* magazine, he warned of a shortage of design engineers due to increasingly complex design problems and a lack of interest from young engineers. "Now, there is nothing you or I can do to halt this trend toward increased complexity in design. But we can perhaps do something about the other factor this

¹¹⁰⁰ Rosalie Thrall Carmichael, application to the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution; copy in author's possession.

¹¹⁰¹ "Carmichael, Rosalie T.," *St. Petersburg Times* (Fla.), 21 Apr. 1999, p. 9B.

¹¹⁰² Colin Carmichael–Rosaline [Rosalie] Thrall marr. lic. #623, 8 Mar. 1933, marr. 11 Mar.; "North Carolina, Marriage Registers, 1741–2011" > Orange > Marriage Register (1851–1962) > image 679 of 1799 (ancestry.com). Rev. Ronald J. Tamblyn officiated; witnesses were W. Christine Carmichael, W. F. Thrall, and Georgia H. Faison. It was a sunrise wedding; Christine was Colin's sister, residing in Canada: "Miss Thrall and Mr. Carmichael Wed," *Greensboro, N.C., Daily News*, Sun. 19 Mar. 1933, p. B5, col. 3.

¹¹⁰³ Rosalie Thrall Carmichael, membership application to the Daughters of the American Revolution, 24 Aug. 1974; copy in author's possession.

¹¹⁰⁴ Colin Carmichael household, 1940 U.S. census, Highland Park, Middlesex Co., N.J., ED 12-26, sheet 4B, dw. 89.

¹¹⁰⁵ Colin Carmichael death index entry; "Florida Death Index, 1877–1998" (ancestry.com). Also SSDI index entry for city.

¹¹⁰⁶ "Carmichael, Rosalie T.," *St. Petersburg Times* (Fla.), 21 Apr. 1999, p. 9B.

¹¹⁰⁷ Colin Carmichael household, 1940 U.S. census, Highland Park, Middlesex Co., N.J., ED 12-26, sheet 4B, dw. 89. Also, "Clothier Warns Maintenance of Research Integrity Vital," *The Daily Home News* (New Brunswick, N.J.), Sat. 9 Oct. 1937, p. 1, cols. 6–7, and p. 2, col. 2.

¹¹⁰⁸ "Many New Men on N.C. Faculty," *The News and Observer* (Raleigh, N.C.), Sun. 20 Sep. 1931, p. 3, col. 8.

¹¹⁰⁹ "Represents UNC," *The Durham Sun* (N.C.), Thur. 27 May 1948, p. 11A, col. 2.

¹¹¹⁰ Colin Carmichael household, 1940 U.S. census, Highland Park, Middlesex Co., N.J., ED 12-26, sheet 4B, dw. 89. Also, "Clothier Warns Maintenance of Research Integrity Vital," *The Daily Home News* (New Brunswick, N.J.), Sat. 9 Oct. 1937, p. 1, cols. 6–7, and p. 2, col. 2.

¹¹¹¹ "Double Panel at Conference: Machine Design Topic," *Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel* (Wis.), Sun. 29 Jan. 1950, business section, p. 9, col. 2.

¹¹¹² Burrows store advertisement for technical and business books, item T33, *Cleveland Plain Dealer* (Ohio), Sun. 29 Oct. 1950, p. 7B, cols. 4–8.

seeming lack of interest in design work.”¹¹¹³ In 1963 he received the \$1000 “Machine Design Award” from the ASME’s Machine Design Division (now Design Engineering Division).¹¹¹⁴

He was responsible for proposing and researching the enshrinement of the U.S.S. *Olympia* as a National Historic Mechanical Engineering Landmark; in 1892 it was one of the first ships with a vertical reciprocating steam engine and was involved in the U.S. conquest of the Philippines in 1898.¹¹¹⁵

In the late 1960s Colin and Rosalie traveled around the world by boat, taking 4½ months. Soon thereafter Colin had a major health issue that involved seven hours of surgery and 21 units of whole blood; they spent time in Key West for recuperation.¹¹¹⁶ Colin bought a condominium apartment in Pinellas County, Florida, 23 Feb. 1970, for \$23,800.¹¹¹⁷ In retirement he frequently wrote letters to local newspapers.¹¹¹⁸ An obituary for him appeared in *Mechanical Engineering* 101:81 (March 1979.)

[TK? IIT Paul Galvin Library Periodicals shelved alpha by title PER,1756943, vol.s 41 (1919) – 126 (2004).]

As a genealogist, Rosalie kept in touch with relatives. She authored and updated a Thrall family history in typescript with photographs attached that carried Worthy and his descendants in generations 7 through 11 up into the middle 1970s, and introduced at least one budding genealogist to the quest. Her correspondence and conversations with cousins and older relatives preserved priceless memories and stories in the Thrall and James families.¹¹¹⁹ It is said that she had a chocolate cup that came from Wales. She also told a story that one Sunday in Wales, her great-grandfather Simon (posthumously Worthy Thrall’s father-in-law) was in church with galleries all around; when the minister said, “Lift up your eyes to behold wondrous things,” he did so and saw his future wife.

¹¹¹³ “Design Engineers in Short Supply,” *The News and Observer*, Raleigh, N.C., Tue. 1 Apr. 1952, p. 5, col. 3.

¹¹¹⁴ ASME, “Machine Design Award” (<https://www.asme.org/about-asme/participate/honors-awards/achievement-awards/machine-design-award>).

¹¹¹⁵ “National Historic Mechanical Engineering Landmark, Vertical Reciprocating Steam Engines, U.S.S. *Olympia*, Penn’s Landing, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, March 30, 1977, The American Society of Mechanical Engineers” (<https://www.asme.org/wwwasmeorg/media/ResourceFiles/AboutASME/Who%20We%20Are/Engineering%20History/Landmarks/22-USS-Olympia-Vertical-Reciprocating-Steam-Engi.pdf>).

¹¹¹⁶ Colin Carmichael letter to Elizabeth (Thrall) Henderson, 19 Feb. 1968; in author’s possession, Tub 4, item 131.

¹¹¹⁷ “Pinellas County Deeds,” *St. Petersburg Times* (Fla.), Thur. 19 Mar. 1970, p. 10C, col. 6.

¹¹¹⁸ Rosalie (Thrall) Carmichael letter to Elizabeth (Thrall) Henderson, 26 June 1990; in author’s possession, Tub 4, item 131.

¹¹¹⁹ “Thrall Genealogy,” 17-page typescript on onion skin in red binder, by Rosalie Thrall Carmichael although no author is named; in author’s possession, Tub 2, item 34.

54. ROBERT McDOWELL¹⁰ THRALL (Charles Haven⁹, Leonidas⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹)

Birth: 23 September 1914 in Toledo, Cumberland County

Death: 11 April 2006 in Philadelphia

Burial: TK

Spouse: **NATALIE ELIZABETH HUNTER** married 3 September 1936

Spouse's parents: Alexnder and Mary (Kiser) Hunter

Spouse's birth: 18 October 1913 in Pittsfield, Pike County

Spouse's death: 5 December 2004 in Philadelphia¹¹²⁰

Spouse's burial: TK

Natalie grew up on a non-electrified farm and earned spending money by running a trapline for muskrats and beavers. She rode her horse into town when attending high school in Pittsfield; graduated summa cum laude from MacMurray College in Jacksonville, Morgan County; and earned a master's degree in classics from the University of Illinois. She and Robert helped sponsor an Open Housing Covenant through the First Methodist Church in the 1950s in Ann Arbor, Michigan; the library at Planned Parenthood in Houston, Texas, is named after her.

Robert graduated from Illinois College in Jacksonville, Morgan County, in 1935. As a 22-year-old newly minted Ph.D. from the University of Illinois, he joined the Department of Mathematics at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.¹¹²¹ In the early 1940s he spent two years at Princeton's Institute for Advanced Study. He consulted extensively for the RAND Corporation (1951–74), the U.S. Army (1958–78), and Holt, Rinehart, and Winston (1961–76). He co-authored *College Algebra* (1950), *Vector Spaces and Matrices* (1957), and *Linear Optimization* (1970), and was editor-in-chief of *Management Science* and related journals.¹¹²²

Mathematician and historian Walter Meyer described Robert's role in the post-WWII efflorescence of math and social science: "Starting in the fall of 1950, in cooperation with the departments of economics, philosophy, sociology, and psychology, mathematician Robert M. Thrall organized a seminar at the University of Michigan on newer applications of mathematics, focusing especially on the social sciences. This seminar attracted the participation of such notable social scientists as the psychologist Clyde Coombs and the economists Paul Samuelson and Lawrence Klein. . . In 1952, Thrall and some of his colleagues at Michigan obtained funding from the Ford Foundation, the RAND Corporation, and the Office of Naval Research to hold an 8-week seminar in Santa Monica, at which researchers from various disciplines and various universities met to discuss mathematical approaches to the behavioral sciences. One of the results of this seminar was the book *Decision Processes*."¹¹²³

¹¹²⁰ "Robert McDowell Thrall 1914–2006, In Memoriam," four-page typescript biography, in author's possession. Also, "Natalie Hunter Thrall 1913–2004," 4-page typescript from her children, in author's possession.

¹¹²¹ "Robert McDowell Thrall 1914–2006, In Memoriam," four-page typescript biography, in author's possession. Also, "Natalie Hunter Thrall 1913–2004," 4-page typescript from her children, in author's possession.

¹¹²² Robert McDowell Thrall entry, *Who Was Who in America 2006–2007* (New Providence, N.J.: Marquis Who's Who, 2007), 18:241.

¹¹²³ Walter Meyer, "The Origins of Finite Mathematics: The Social Science Connection," *The College Mathematics Journal* 38 (Mar. 2007):106–18, at 111.

In 1969 he became chairman of the Department of Mathematical Sciences at Rice University in Houston, Texas. He took particular interest in teaching, interdisciplinary work, and mathematical modeling.¹¹²⁴

In 1986 Robert co-authored an article on evaluating sites for a high-energy physics laboratory in Texas.¹¹²⁵ In 1996, at the age of 82, he published “Duality, classification, and slacks in DEA [Data Envelopment Analysis]” in *Annals of Operations Research*.¹¹²⁶ According to the Mathematics Genealogy Project, as of 1 August 2018 he had 270 mathematician “descendants” in the profession.¹¹²⁷

¹¹²⁴ “Robert McDowell Thrall 1914–2006, In Memoriam,” four-page typescript biography, in author’s possession.

¹¹²⁵ R.G. Thompson, F.D. Singleton Jr., R.M. Thrall, and B.A. Smith, 1986, “Comparative site evaluation for locating a high-energy physics lab in Texas,” *Interfaces* 16:35–49.

¹¹²⁶ Robert M. Thrall, “Duality, classification and slacks in DEA,” *Annals of Operations Research* 66(1996):109–38 (<https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/BF02187297>).

¹¹²⁷ *Mathematics Genealogy Project* (genealogy.math.ndsu.nodak.edu/mission.php), whose stated goal is to track all mathematics doctorate holders.

55. ELIZABETH ROSE¹⁰ THRALL (Harold Leonidas⁹, Leonidas⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹)

Birth: 15 September 1918 in Sadorus, Champaign County

Death: 18 May 2008 in St. Joseph County, Indiana¹¹²⁸

Burial: [cremation]

Spouse: **RONALD ATHOL HENDERSON** married 6 March 1943 at Wesley Foundation, University of Illinois, Urbana, Champaign County

Spouse's parents: Alexander and Elin Ida (Boring) Henderson¹¹²⁹

Spouse's birth: 4 October 1914 at Swedish Covenant Hospital in Chicago, Cook County

Spouse's death: TK July 2002 in Farmington, Fulton County¹¹³⁰

Spouse's burial: [cremation]

Elizabeth's mother wrote 29 April 1918 from DuQuoin, where Leonidas Thrall's life was drawing to a close, to her mother and sisters: “I know I haven't told you before, but we have hopes for a little one in Sept., and I'm not taking any chances on trouble that I can avoid.”¹¹³¹

Elizabeth and Ronald met at Wesley Foundation at the University of Illinois. Either she needed help with physics or he needed help with chemistry (the stories differ), but in any case they were the third generation in the Thrall line to meet at college.¹¹³²

Elizabeth earned an M.D. at the University of Illinois in Chicago in December 1943, at a time when women doctors were a curiosity (the class contained 157 men and eight women).¹¹³³ Her downstate origins also made her an outsider in Chicago. Fellow students were dumbfounded when she told them she planned to practice medicine downstate: “Why, you won't have any patients!”

Active in the Fellowship of Reconciliation, she and her husband opposed U.S. entry into World War II. From 1944 to 1950 they worked in remote Harlan County, Kentucky, at Pine Mountain Settlement School (now an environmental center), then accessible only by a rough road that switchbacked repeatedly to cross the steep mountain.

She wrote home 11 November 1945:

About 3:45 a.m. Thursday morning we were wakened by a strange man knocking on the door. He said, “I came to take the doctor out to my house.” I asked, “Who is sick?” “A baby is about to be born.” So I dressed and packed my bag and climbed into the truck he had

¹¹²⁸ TK

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¹¹³¹ Elizabeth (Schriber) Thrall in DuQuoin, Ill., to her mother and sisters in Chicago 29 Apr. 1918; transcribed copy in author's possession.

¹¹³² This and later items in this chapter not footnoted are personal knowledge of the author.

¹¹³³ University of Illinois College of Medicine, Class of December 1943, Medical Alumni Day May 21, 1968, booklet containing names, addresses or death dates, and some very brief comments; in author's possession, tub 2, folder 64. Totals by counting; one male was included for whom there was “no official record” as a student.

brought and we started out. There had been a light snow. We arrived about one half hour before the baby did at 5 a.m. and all went well. Worked by the combined light of my puny flashlight and wood fire in fireplace, and two kerosene lamps. Shortly before starting back to P. Mt. I held the baby by the lamp in order to look in its mouth to see if there was a tongue tie to clip. I smelled something, heard a sizzle, and saw a wisp of smoke as I looked up. Someone said, "The doctor has burned her hair." And sure enough, I had sizzled my top knot. Lucky I did not all go up in smoke. Sure felt silly.

A few days later a 12-year-old boy broke his leg when he was thrown from a mule at home. The family lived in Cutshin, six miles from the nearest road.

The next morning the boy's father made a stretcher from 2 saplings and nailed a couple of blankets onto it and he and his wife set out to carry the boy the 6 miles up a trail . . . to the road at Big Laurel where they could catch the mail truck and bring him to us [the hospital at the settlement school]. They picked up neighbors on the way so that they got some rests in the carrying, but it seemed quite a feat to me just the same.

We have the boy put up in an improvised traction setup in the hospital living room and are trying to get him to Louisville under the Ky. Crippled Childrens Commission as I fear he will need a bone graft to make the leg heal properly.¹¹³⁴

After their second child was born the family moved back to Illinois and Ronald tried various jobs. In the summer of 1951, Russell Troxel, the high-school principal in Farmington, Fulton County, was faced with a last-minute vacancy and needed a math teacher. He consulted Harold Thrall, a fellow singer in a regional men's chorus (Mannerchor), who was Ronald's father-in-law. The last-minute hire stayed almost thirty years.

Elizabeth's taste for adventure and making do was not slaked by the Pine Mountain experience. In later years she traveled to the Dakotas and Nicaragua to provide medical care, and at age TK she and her sister traveled to Baja California to camp on the beach with a tour group and view a total solar eclipse.¹¹³⁵

As a boy growing up in Chicago, Ronald learned the fascinations of astronomy at the then-new Adler Planetarium. In Farmington his reflecting telescope was frequently set up for "star parties"—watching and measuring eclipses, nebulas, variable stars, occultations, artificial satellites, the moon, and other planets with their moons. Such events could occur in daytime as well, with the sun's image projected onto a sheet of white paper so as to show the current crop of dark "sun spots" on its surface.¹¹³⁶ He enjoyed teaching, and his approach often relied on puns and humor. Every classroom in the high school had a clock in a prominent place, but only his was accompanied by a sign: "Time will pass. But will you?"

He retired after 29 years of teaching math and physics in Farmington. After retirement he volunteered tutoring students in math at the local community college. A member of the Peoria Astronomical Society and the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, he organized the high

¹¹³⁴ Elizabeth T. Henderson at Pine Mountain Settlement School to her parents Harold L. and Elizabeth S. Thrall in Illinois, letters 11 and 21 Nov. 1945; in author's possession.

¹¹³⁵ TK

¹¹³⁶ Author's personal knowledge.

school's Scholastic Bowl Team for 20 years.¹¹³⁷ He and Elizabeth lived happily for more than 50 years in Farmington, but none of their children chose to stay.

¹¹³⁷ Ronald A. Henderson obituary, *Peoria Journal Star* (Ill.), 15 July 2001, p. TK.

CHAPTER 56. MIRIAM THRALL–GEORGE FOSTER FAMILY

56. MIRIAM RUTH¹⁰ THRALL (Harold Leonidas⁹, Leonidas⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹)

Art, music, and runner-up to the St. Louis Arch

Birth: 20 March 1921 in Cisco, Piatt County¹¹³⁸

Death: 7 April 2010 in Urbana, Champaign County¹¹³⁹

Burial: Clements Cemetery, Champaign County¹¹⁴⁰

Spouse: **GEORGE NORTON FOSTER** married 29 May 1943 at Wesley Foundation, University of Illinois, Urbana, Champaign County

Spouse's parents: Lane and Mamie (Barnett) Foster¹¹⁴¹

Spouse's birth: 4 January 1918 in Ridgway, Gallatin County¹¹⁴²

Spouse's death: 31 May 1999 in Urbana¹¹⁴³

Spouse's burial: Clements Cemetery, Champaign County¹¹⁴⁴

At the time of their wedding George was in the U.S. Navy in World War II, a radio operator assigned to a merchant marine ship.¹¹⁴⁵ As of 30 June 1943, he had serial number 668 77 38, and was rated RM3/c (Radioman Third Class) aboard the U.S. M.S.T.S. (United States Maritime Service Training Ship, soon shortened to T.S.) *American Mariner*.¹¹⁴⁶

In 1947, when the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial Association announced a contest for a design for the St. Louis waterfront, George collaborated with two other U of I graduate students, William Eng of Urbana and Gordon A. Phillips of Aurora, to create an entry. Out of 172 entries, their design was among the five finalists, and finished second (prize \$20,000) to Eero Saarinen's now-famous Gateway Arch.¹¹⁴⁷ George's share of the prize helped build a house on what was then the western edge of Champaign at 208 South Mattis, across from a cornfield.

¹¹³⁸ For date, Miriam T. Foster index entry, SSDI.

¹¹³⁹ Miriam T. Foster index entry, SSDI.

¹¹⁴⁰ Miriam T. Foster grave marker, image, Clements Cemetery, Urbana, Champaign Co., Ill., memorial #50,859,420 for Miriam Thrall Foster by Bob & Nancy Cannon (findagrave.com).

¹¹⁴¹ For Mamie's birth surname, death index entry for unnamed female Foster infant 18 Apr. 1919 Ridgway Twp., Gallatin Co.; "Illinois Deaths and Stillbirths, 1916–1947," citing FHL 1,544,466, DGS 4,008,037, image 2302 (familysearch.org).

¹¹⁴² For birth date, George N. Foster funeral program, 5 June 1999; in author's possession.

¹¹⁴³ "George Foster" obituary, transcribed from *The News-Gazette* (Champaign-Urbana, Ill.), 2 June 1999 (genealogybank.com).

¹¹⁴⁴ George N. Foster grave marker, image, Clements Cemetery, Urbana, Champaign Co., Ill., memorial #11,503,817 for George Norton Foster by Cheryl Behrend (findagrave.com).

¹¹⁴⁵ "Plans Wedding Weldon Girl," *The Pantagraph* (Bloomington, Ill.), Fri. 28 May 1943, p. 8, col. 4.

¹¹⁴⁶ George Norton Foster, Report of Changes, U.S. M.T.S.S. *American Mariner*, month ending 30 June 1943, p. 2 (<https://www.fold3.com/image/303089632?rec=271578283>); NARA RG 24, "Muster rolls of U.S. Navy ships, stations, and other naval activities, 1939–1949," roll 32662_239244. Also, Bill Lee, "American Mariner: Sturdy Ship of Several Services Still Survives," April 2018; *Newport News Shipbuilding Apprentice Association* (http://www.nnapprentice.com/alumni/letter/AMERICAN_MARINER.pdf). Also, Bill Lee, "Apprentice School and Other NNS Memories" (<http://www.nnapprentice.com/alumni/letter/log.htm>).

¹¹⁴⁷ "St. Louis Waterfront Plan Features Steel Arch," *Chicago Daily Tribune*, Fri. 20 Feb. 1948, p. 12, col. 3. Also, "Michigan Architect Awarded Jefferson Memorial Prize," *Jacksonville Daily Journal* (Ill.), Thur. 19 Feb. 1948, p. 1, col. 7. Also, Christopher Klein, "The Monumental Designs Rejected for the Gateway Arch," 28 Oct. 2015 (history.com/news/the-monumental-designs-rejected-for-the-gateway-arch), including an image of each.

In the 1960s he rode the river towboat “Jayne Houghland” down the Mississippi and the IntraCoastal Canal to Houston—a trip arranged by the Paducah (Kentucky) Art Guild—making sketches later used in larger drawings and paintings exhibited in July 1968.¹¹⁴⁸

He taught art and design at the University of Illinois for 38 years, receiving a bachelor of fine arts degree there in 1940 and a master’s degree in 1950. He attended the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts in 1942 and studied sculpture at the University of Denver in 1958. His oil paintings, litho paintings, drawings, and metal collages were exhibited nationally, regionally, and locally, receiving numerous awards. His contributions in teaching included field drawing courses taught in the southwestern United States and in Europe.¹¹⁴⁹

Miriam received a degree music education in 1943 from the University of Illinois. In 1974 she returned to school, earned a master’s degree in education, and taught adult learners for ten years in Urbana. A devoted pianist and piano teacher, she saw that all of her sons studied musical instruments, so there was always music in the home. A humanitarian by nature, she was active in the civil rights and peace activities in the 1960s and 1970s. Later she was a hospice volunteer for 10 years. Animals were always a significant part of the household, not only dogs and cats, but often rescued animals such as birds and squirrels. She and George were active members of Wesley United Methodist Church in Urbana.¹¹⁵⁰ They were both good, thoughtful listeners.

¹¹⁴⁸ “Foster Exhibits River Scenes,” *The Evansville Courier* (Ind.), Mon. 8 June 1968, p. 13, col. 2.

¹¹⁴⁹ “George Foster” obituary, transcribed from *The News-Gazette* (Champaign-Urbana, Ill.), Wed. 2 June 1999, no p. or col. no. given (genealogybank.com).

¹¹⁵⁰ “Miriam Foster” obituary, transcribed from *The News-Gazette* (Champaign-Urbana, Ill.), Fri. 9 Apr. 2010, no p. or col. no. given (genealogybank.com).

57. HAROLD JAMES “JIM”¹⁰ THRALL (Harold Leonidas⁹, Leonidas⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹)

Birth: 15 June 1925 in Mansfield, Piatt County

Death: 20 October 2018 in Plymouth, Marshall County, Indiana

Burial: 27 October at Southlawn Cemetery, South Bend, St. Joseph County, Indiana¹¹⁵¹

Spouse: **JOAN E. WALKER** married 29 January 1948 in Galva, Henry County

Spouse's parents: Melvin and Lottie (Brown) Walker¹¹⁵²

Spouse's birth: 11 January 1924 in Galva, Henry County, Illinois¹¹⁵³

Spouse's death: 17 May 2006 in South Bend, St. Joseph County, Indiana¹¹⁵⁴

Spouse's burial: Southlawn Cemetery

Joan grew up and attended school in Galva, where her future father-in-law would minister in the 1940s and 1950s. The family's house at 603 Southeast 2nd Street was worth \$3500 in 1930—and \$1500 in 1940 after a decade of the Great Depression.¹¹⁵⁵

As a boy Jim traveled with his parents and maternal grandmother to visit the rock-strewn farm where the grandmother had grown up outside Winesburg, Holmes County, Ohio.¹¹⁵⁶ (Perhaps the experience sparked his ongoing interest in family history.)

Jim enlisted in the U.S. Navy 1 September 1943 in Chicago, service number 854 28 57. “Pvt. Harold James Thrall, son of the Rev. and Mrs. H. L. Thrall of Danville, Ill., formerly of San Jose, was inducted Sept. 7 as a navy seabee and is now stationed at Camp Farragut, Idaho.”¹¹⁵⁷

Less than eight months later, he was received on board USS *LST-504*¹¹⁵⁸ on 21 April 1944.¹¹⁵⁹ The LST had been “laid down” 21 July 1943 in Jeffersonville, Clark County, Indiana, and commissioned 18 December.¹¹⁶⁰ LST was short for “Landing Ship, Tank,” a class built during World War II to carry “tanks, vehicles, cargo, and landing troops directly onto shore with no docks or piers,”

¹¹⁵¹ “Harold James Thrall” obituary (<http://johnson-danielson.com/Obit.php?ID=3091>).

¹¹⁵² Joan E. Thrall death 17 May 2006, S. Bend, St. Joseph Co., Ind., state cert. 018093, local 1078; “Indiana, Death Certificates, 1899–2011” > Certificate > 2006 > 15 > image 612 of 1029 (ancestry.com). Also, Melvin Walker household, 1940 U.S. census, Galva, Henry Co., Ill., Ward 1, ED 37-19, sheet 4A, dw. 69.

¹¹⁵³ Joan E. Thrall death 17 May 2006, S. Bend, St. Joseph Co., Ind., state cert. 018093, local 1078; “Indiana, Death Certificates, 1899–2011” > Certificate > 2006 > 15 > image 612 of 1029 (ancestry.com). Also, Melvin Walker household, 1940 U.S. census, Galva, Henry Co., Ill., Ward 1, ED 37-19, sheet 4A, dw. 69.

¹¹⁵⁴ Joan E. Thrall death 17 May 2006, S. Bend, St. Joseph Co., Ind., state cert. 018093, local 1078; “Indiana, Death Certificates, 1899–2011” > Certificate > 2006 > 15 > image 612 of 1029 (ancestry.com).

¹¹⁵⁵ Melvin Walker household, 1930 U.S. census, Galva, Henry Co., Ill., ED 52, sheet 7B, dw. 201, fam. 212. Similarly, 1940, Ward 1, ED 37-19, sheet 4A, dw. 69.

¹¹⁵⁶ Family photos in binder TK.

¹¹⁵⁷ “San Jose Service News,” *The Pantagraph* (Bloomington, Ill.), Fri. 24 Sep. 1943, p. 14, col. 3. Evidently there was a difference between enlisting and being inducted.

¹¹⁵⁸ “Landing Ship, Tank,” *Wikipedia* (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Landing_Ship,_Tank).

¹¹⁵⁹ Harold James Thrall entry, Muster Roll of the Crew, p. 4, quarter ending 30 June 1944 (<https://www.fold3.com/image/305811827?rec=281761277>); NARA RG 24, “Muster rolls of U.S. Navy ships, stations, and other naval activities, 1939–1949,” roll 32861_250195. “Branch of Service” was USN-I.

¹¹⁶⁰ “USS *LST-504*,” *Wikipedia* (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_LST-504).

thus enabling amphibious assaults to be made on almost any beach. “The bow of the LST had a large door that would open with a ramp for unloading the vehicles” and “a special flat keel that allowed the ship to be beached and stay upright.”¹¹⁶¹

It is reported but not confirmed that “As part of Operation Overlord, LST-504 departed Weymouth, England, on June 4th 1944. However, she turned back due to bad weather and would later re-embark on the night of June 5th. LST-504 reached Omaha beach the next morning, and dropped anchor about a half mile off shore to avoid floating mines. In subsequent round trips made over the course of 30 days, the ship did land directly on the beach.”¹¹⁶² Recently promoted to HA1c (Hospital Apprentice 1st Class),¹¹⁶³ Jim attended to the troops during the D-Day Invasion on Omaha and Utah beaches in Normandy, France—a pivotal moment in history but a troubling memory.

As of 31 July 1944 he was still on USS *LST-504*, transferred to USNAATB Bizerte, Tunisia.¹¹⁶⁴ This may not have been the original plan. According to one unconfirmed account, “Following her service in Operation Overlord, LST-504 was directed towards Sicily to prepare for the invasion of Southern France. En route, the convoy that LST-504 now led spotted a German ship. Orders were given for the convoy to turn, however one ship misinterpreted the order and turned the wrong way. A collision with that ship damaged the bow door of LST-504. The 504 was diverted to Bizerte, Tunisia for repairs.”¹¹⁶⁵

On 7 September 1944 Jim was a passenger on USS *Hubbard* (DE-211).¹¹⁶⁶ A destroyer escort, it escorted two convoy crossings of the Atlantic following July 1944.¹¹⁶⁷ Later he was on the crew of the USS *Marblehead* (CL12) in the quarter ending 31 March 1945,¹¹⁶⁸ and on the crew of the USS *Mercer* (APB-39) in the quarter ending 1 January 1946. His rating at that point was PhM3c(T) Pharmacist’s Mate Third Class.¹¹⁶⁹ *Mercer* was reportedly a barracks ship built on an LST hull in 1944, and commenced its career of berthing and messing large numbers of naval personnel at New York on 7 November 1945. Transferred to the Inactive Fleet in January 1946, it had many later assignments.¹¹⁷⁰

Jim was honorably discharged 8 April 1946 and married Joan in Galva January 29, 1948. “He also attended Illinois Wesleyan University in Bloomington, Illinois and obtained his Bachelor’s Degree in 1950. In 1959, he completed post-graduate studies at Imede in Lausanne, Switzerland.” Jim’s work for Libby’s Foods and Nestle for 35 years sent him all over the world, and he ended his career as a group vice president.

¹¹⁶¹ “Landing Ship, Tank,” *Wikipedia* (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Landing_Ship,_Tank).

¹¹⁶² “USS LST-504,” *Wikipedia* (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_LST-504), citing “Charles Heller’s Autobiography” (1993), which has not been viewed. It does not appear on WorldCat and may not be published.

¹¹⁶³ Harold James Thrall entry, Report of Changes, p. 3 (<https://www.fold3.com/image/305811814?rec=281761136>). Also, “U.S. Navy: World War II Enlisted Rates: Special Branch After January 1, 1944” (http://uniform-reference.net/insignia/usn/usn_ww2_enl_special.html).

¹¹⁶⁴ Harold James Thrall entry, Report of Changes, p. 5, month ending 31 July 1944 (<https://www.fold3.com/image/305811836?rec=281761365>). USNAATB = United States Naval Advanced Amphibious Training Base.

¹¹⁶⁵ “USS LST-504,” *Wikipedia* (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_LST-504), citing “Charles Heller’s Autobiography” (1993), which has not been viewed. It does not appear on WorldCat and may not be published.

¹¹⁶⁶ Harold James Thrall entry, Report of Changes (<https://www.fold3.com/image/308329643?rec=290316709>).

¹¹⁶⁷ “USS *Hubbard* (DE-211),” *Wikipedia* ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_Hubbard_\(DE-211\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_Hubbard_(DE-211))). See also James L. Mooney, *Dictionary of American Naval Fighting Ships*.

¹¹⁶⁸ Harold James Thrall entry, Muster Roll of the Crew, p. 19, quarter ending 30 June 1944 (<https://www.fold3.com/image/309724336?rec=294595048>).

¹¹⁶⁹ Harold James Thrall entry, Muster Roll of the Crew, p. 5, quarter ending 1 June 1946 (<https://www.fold3.com/image/303761785?rec=275347114>). Also, “U.S. Navy: World War II Enlisted Rates: Special Branch After January 1, 1944” (http://uniform-reference.net/insignia/usn/usn_ww2_enl_special.html).

¹¹⁷⁰ “USS *Mercer* (APL-39),” *Wikipedia* ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_Mercer_\(APL-39\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_Mercer_(APL-39))).

Eventually retiring to Granger, St. Joseph County, Indiana, in 1994, he was an active member of Grace United Methodist Church for 20 years. In 2013, he moved to Plymouth, Marshall County, Indiana, and joined Trinity United Methodist Church. He enjoyed reading about American history, politics, and business. “He loved the Old English Sheep dogs that his family had throughout the years. But mostly, he loved being with his family.”¹¹⁷¹

¹¹⁷¹ “Harold James Thrall” obituary (<http://johnson-danielson.com/Obit.php?ID=3091>).

CHAPTER 58. WILLIAM COVER—RUTH PALMER FAMILY

Fertilizer and teaching children to read

58. WILLIAM HENRY¹⁰ COVER (Mary Virginia Thrall⁹, Leonidas⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹)

Birth: 15 August 1923, Tunnel Hill, Johnson County¹¹⁷²

Death: 6 February 1986 at Jewish Hospital, St. Louis

Burial: New Salem Cemetery, north of Tunnel Hill, three days later¹¹⁷³

Spouse: **RUTH ALICE PALMER** married 22 November 1950 in Sandusky, Erie County, Ohio

Spouse's parents: Bernard Michael and Ada (Lutes) Palmer¹¹⁷⁴

Spouse's birth: 21 February 1927 in Ohio

Spouse's death: 29 January 2013 in Sandusky¹¹⁷⁵

Spouse's burial: TK

Graduating from Mary Manse College in Toledo, Ruth taught in Ohio and Missouri schools for 30 years, specializing in reading in the primary grades. She and William divorced in 1974;¹¹⁷⁶ she married second Francis “Sam” Hunker, who died in 2011.¹¹⁷⁷

William Henry graduated from the University of Illinois and served as an ensign in the U.S. Naval Air Corps during World War II (1 September 1943 to 22 December 1945).¹¹⁷⁸ As of 3 December 1943, he was on the crew of the U.S.S. NAPTC.¹¹⁷⁹

In 1950 he was a salesman at Armour Fertilizer Works.¹¹⁸⁰ Later he worked as executive sales trainer for the agriculture department of Monsanto Chemical Company.¹¹⁸¹

¹¹⁷² TK findagrave or obit?

¹¹⁷³ “Deaths . . . William H. Cover,” *Southern Illinoisan* (Carbondale), Sat. 8 Feb. 1986, p. 6, col. 2.

¹¹⁷⁴ “Engagement of Ruth Palmer to Willi[a]m H. Cover Is Announced,” *Sandusky Register-Star-News* (Ohio), Thur. 21 Sep. 1950, p. 8, cols. 4–5. For announced wedding date, “Shower Honors Miss Ruth Palmer,” *Sandusky Register-Star-News* (Ohio), Thur. 16 Nov. 1950, p. 8, col. 3.

¹¹⁷⁵ “Ruth P. Hunker,” obituary from *Sandusky Register* Tue. 29 Jan. 2013, transcribed at genealogybank.com. For birth place, Bernard Palmer household for daughter Ruth age 3, 1930 U.S. census, Sandusky, Erie Co., Ohio, Ward 3, ED 20, sheet 14A, dw. 359, fam. 360.

¹¹⁷⁶ Rosalie (Thrall) Carmichael, “Thrall Genealogy” (17-page typescript on onion skin in red binder, by Rosalie Thrall Carmichael although no author is named), 17; in author’s possession, Tub 2, item 34.

¹¹⁷⁷ “Ruth P. Hunker,” obituary from *Sandusky Register* Tue. 29 Jan. 2013, transcribed at genealogybank.com.

¹¹⁷⁸ “Engagement of Ruth Palmer to Willi[a]m H. Cover Is Announced,” *Sandusky Register-Star-News* (Ohio), Thur. 21 Sep. 1950, p. 8, cols. 4–5. For service dates, William Cover index entry, “U.S., Department of Veterans Affairs BIRLS Death File, 1850–2010” (ancestry.com).

¹¹⁷⁹ “Muster Roll of the Crew of the U.S.S. NAPTC,” quarter ending 31 Dec. 1943. He was said to have enlisted 3 Nov. 1942 (seemingly contrary to his BIRLS Death File, above) and first received on board 3 Dec. 1943; WWII Navy Muster Rolls > N > Naval Air Primary Training Command (<https://www.fold3.com/image/313351185?rec=311261070>). His service number was 725 79 56.

¹¹⁸⁰ “Engagement of Ruth Palmer to Willi[a]m H. Cover Is Announced,” *Sandusky Register-Star-News* (Ohio), Thur. 21 Sep. 1950, p. 8, cols. 4–5.

¹¹⁸¹ “Deaths . . . William H. Cover,” *Southern Illinoisan* (Carbondale), Sat. 8 Feb. 1986, p. 6, col. 2.

CHAPTER 59. DAVID COVER—BILLIE TAAKE—AVA SIMMONS FAMILY
Conservation Farmer of the Year 1974 and a St. Louis inner-city settler

59. DAVID LEONIDAS¹⁰ COVER (Mary Virginia Thrall⁹, Leonidas⁸, Worthy⁷, Eliphas⁶, Samuel⁵, John⁴⁻³, Timothy², William¹)

Birth: 17 May 1925, Lebanon, St. Clair County

Death: 8 March 1990 in New Burnside, Johnson County

Burial: 11 March 1990 at New Salem Cemetery in Johnson County

Spouse #1: **BILLIE JEAN TAAKE** married first in 1951 (before 7 June, when she completed her student teaching as Billie Cover),¹¹⁸² divorced 1956¹¹⁸³

Spouse #1's parents: Howard and Clara (Will) Taake¹¹⁸⁴

Spouse #1's birth: 28 July 1929 in Christopher, Franklin County

Spouse #1's death: 8 November 2014 in St. Louis¹¹⁸⁵

Spouse #1's burial:

Spouse #2: **AVA MARIE (SIMMONS) GODDARD** married 2nd as her 2nd husband 5 December 1973 in Vienna, Johnson County

Spouse #2's parents: Earl and Mary “Dodie” (Johnson) Simmons¹¹⁸⁶

Spouse #2's birth: 28 September 1926 in Tunnel Hill, Johnson County

Spouse #2's death: 7 May 2010 in Vienna

Spouse #2's burial: 10 May 2010 New Salem Cemetery¹¹⁸⁷

In 1930 Billie Jean was in her Will grandparents' household in Christopher, Franklin County, Illinois; in 1940 she was with her parents in West Virginia.¹¹⁸⁸ She married second between 1956 and 1966 Robert J. Chamblin;¹¹⁸⁹ in 1966 she was a technician at City Hospital in St. Louis.¹¹⁹⁰ In 1979 they were living at 10007B Sakura Drive in Sappington, St. Louis County, Missouri.¹¹⁹¹ On 22 May 1984 she quit-claimed Franklin County land to family members.¹¹⁹²

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In the early 1990s she retired, bought property in St. Louis's McRee Town neighborhood, and moved in. “The property is cheap and I'm willing to put in the time and money,” she told a newspaper

¹¹⁸² “Deaths: David Cover,” *Southern Illinoisan* (Carbondale), Sat. 10 Mar. 1990, p. 24, col. 1. Also, “81 at S.I.U. Finish Student Teaching Chores,” *Southern Illinoisan* (Carbondale), Thur. 7 June 1951, p. 8, col. 5.

¹¹⁸³ Rosalie (Thrall) Carmichael, “Thrall Genealogy” (17-page typescript on onion skin in red binder, by Rosalie Thrall Carmichael although no author is named), 17; in author's possession, Tub 2, item 34.

¹¹⁸⁴ “Deaths . . . Howard Taake,” *Southern Illinoisan* (Carbondale-Herrin-Murphysboro-Marion), Thur. 19 June 1980, p. 21, col. 1. Also, “Services Pending for Christopher Woman,” *Southern Illinoisan* (Carbondale), Sun. 7 June 1970, p. 33, col. 1, where Billie was called Clara's daughter.

¹¹⁸⁵ “Billie Chamblin,” *Southern Illinoisan* on line, 3 Dec. 2014, no page or column no. (https://thesouthern.com/news/local/obituaries/billie-chamblin/article_449e682d-cd74-541b-b618-208a644aa8f7.html).

¹¹⁸⁶ “Deaths: Mary Simmons,” *Southern Illinoisan* (Carbondale), Mon. 26 Jan. 1987, p. 4, col. 2.

¹¹⁸⁷ “Ava Cover,” *Paducah Sun* (Ky.), Sat. 8 May 2010, p. 14A, col. 1. Also, Ava Marie Simmons Goddard, lengthy transcribed obituary from unnamed newspaper, likely 8 or 9 May 2010; no grave marker and no sourcing, memorial 74,001,910 by Tim Hawkins (findagrave.com).

¹¹⁸⁸ Amos Will household for granddaughter Billie J. Taake, 1930 U.S. census, Christopher, Franklin Co., Ill., ED 51, sheet 4B, dw. 103, fam. 104. Also, Howard Taake household for daughter Billy Jean, 1940 U.S. census, Big Creek, McDowell Co., W. V., ED 24-17, dw. 413.

¹¹⁸⁹ “Billie Chamblin,” *Southern Illinoisan* on line, 3 Dec. 2014, no page or column no. (https://thesouthern.com/news/local/obituaries/billie-chamblin/article_449e682d-cd74-541b-b618-208a644aa8f7.html).

¹¹⁹⁰ Mrs. Bille [Billie] J. Chamblin entry, *Polk's St. Louis (Missouri) City Directory 1966* (Detroit: R. L. Polk & Co., 1967), p. 273.

¹¹⁹¹ Robt. J. and Billy C. Chamblin entry, *St. Louis Suburban City Directory 1979* (no title page), p. 178.

¹¹⁹² “Franklin County Land Transfers,” *Southern Illinoisan*, Wed. 6 June 1984, p. F2, col. 1.

reporter in 1995. “These are good, sturdy buildings, and I love the old St. Louis architecture.” She moved into a shooting war between two gang factions that killed eight people. She often couldn’t watch television or use the telephone because of the noise. “Some of the drug dealers could give faster, better service than Burger King. I often went to work on four hours’ sleep. Things have improved,” in part due to increased police presence, a neighborhood organization, and property owners’ drawing up a standard lease agreement to screen potential tenants.¹¹⁹³

Ava Simmons lived with her parents in 1930 (as Ava, age 3) and 1940 (as Marie, age 13). Her parents each had six years of schooling and her father was a farm laborer. In 1930 they were renting and had no radio; in 1940 they owned a \$250 house in Tunnel Hill (well below the statewide average of \$3277).¹¹⁹⁴

Ava married first in Piggott, Clay County, Arkansas, 17 July 1945 Everett Samuel Goddard; he died 14 December 1954. She worked as a cook at the Tunnel Hill Grade School and later at the Hillview Health Care Center in Vienna. A member of the New Salem Baptist Church, she also enjoyed reading, sewing, quilting, yard sales, and spending time with her grandchildren.¹¹⁹⁵

A veteran of World War II, David graduated from Southern Illinois University-Carbondale in 1951 and was chosen Conservation Farmer of the Year in 1974 by the Johnson County Soil and Water Conservation District. A cattleman and hog producer, he was a member of the Egyptian Livestock Marketing Association, Illinois Feeder Calf Association, Interstate Producers Livestock Association, the Advisory Council for the University of Illinois, the Johnson County Farm Bureau, and the Beggs-Gurley VFW Post 522 in Vienna.¹¹⁹⁶

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¹¹⁹³ Bill Bryan, “Killing Fields Drying Up; Neighborhood Rebounding,” *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, Mon. 30 Jan. 1995, p. B1.

¹¹⁹⁴ Earl Simmons household for daughter Ava age 3, 1930 U.S. census, Tunnel Hill, Johnson Co., Ill., ED 14, sheet 7B, dw. 153, fam. 154. Similarly, daughter Marie age 13, 1940, sheet 5B, dw. 97. Mother-in-law Mary Johnson was living with the family in 1940. The average Illinois house cost in 1940 was \$3277: *United State Census Bureau*, Census of Housing, Historical Census of Housing Tables, Median Home Values Unadjusted 1940 (census.gov/hhes/www/housing/census/historic/values.html).

¹¹⁹⁵ “Ava Cover,” *Paducah Sun* (Ky.), Sat. 8 May 2010, p. 14A, col. 1. Also, Ava Marie Simmons Goddard, lengthy transcribed obituary from unnamed newspaper, likely 8 or 9 May 2010; no grave marker and no sourcing, memorial 74,001,910 by Tim Hawkins (findagrave.com). The obituaries do not contradict one another, but the the first is more precise and the second more colorful.

¹¹⁹⁶ “Deaths: David Cover,” *Southern Illinoisan* (Carbondale), Sat. 10 Mar. 1990, p. 24, col. 1.